



Weather cannot take the blame

BP share sale looms after water U-turn

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is ready to fill the gap left in its finances after the shelving of water privatization...

Last night Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury...

most likely the £1 billion expected from the flotation of the Thames authority...

The Government has already sold two tranches of its holding in BP...

The Government mounted a concerted exercise to dampen election speculation yesterday after the sudden shift of policy on water...



Mr Ridley: denied efforts for privatization had cooled.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, who announced the Government's about-turn on water in an unheralded written reply on Thursday night...

He said that the Chancellor had never budgeted for any money from the £7 billion water sale before the next election.

Treasury sources said, however, that if the Bill had gone through next year, at least some revenue from the sale...

He denied that the postponement of the water Bill, following that of the British Airways and Royal Ordnance factory flotations, meant a lack of enthusiasm for further privatization.

There were specific technical problems over each, and the water measure had already become so complex that there had been no likelihood of presenting it early enough in the next session to get it through on time.

Mr Ridley yesterday reaffirmed that the water industry would eventually be privatized.

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The Prince of Wales chatting to other patrons of the Windsor Castle public house, Deptford, over a drink yesterday.

Prince looks in at the local

The Prince of Wales dropped in for a drink at The Windsor Castle public house in Deptford, south London, yesterday.

He surprised his party by going on an impromptu walkabout in the area's busy high street during a visit to launch the Deptford Enterprise Agency.

There were shouts of "Good Old Charles" as he pushed aside a crash barrier and walked into the saloon bar of the public house at the invitation of Mr Raymond Joiner, the landlord.

The Prince glanced up at the painted sign, showing his family home, and said: "That's very appropriate."

Mr Joiner, who runs the pub with his wife, Lynn, said: "Prince Charles asked for a sweet cider and I bought him one."

The Prince met Mr Dave Brown, who lives at a hostel for homeless men near by, in the public bar, and discovered a mutual interest in the radio programme The Goons.

Mr Brown said afterwards: "I know Prince Charles can initiate them all but he said he would not do them today."

Mr Chris Ingram, who is unemployed, also spoke to the Prince and said: "I think a lot of the Queen Mother and I asked him how she was."

The Prince also looked in on the boutique run by Mr Stafford Brown and his wife, Mr Brown, a West Indian, said: "I took him along because I think it is important that he should see what we are capable of."

The Prince was told at the agency that its special role is to help to develop business among the ethnic minorities.

Nearly 27 per cent of men in Deptford are thought to be unemployed.

The Prince said that the whole spirit and survival of a generation depended on using flexibility and imagination.

Three young paraplegics who raised £300,000 by pushing their wheelchairs from John O'Groats to Land's End took morning tea with the Princess of Wales at Kensington Palace yesterday.

Andy Haynes, aged 21, Danny Aykroyd, aged 23, Simon Barnes, aged 22, and Mr Barnes's dog Dylan, finished their journey, part of an effort to raise funds towards finding a cure for spinal cord injury, earlier this week.

WINDSOR CASTLE

Bomb attack in white Pretoria suburb injures 15

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A bomb placed between two cars exploded yesterday outside a supermarket in Silverton, a white suburb of Pretoria, injuring at least 15 people of all races...

The explosion was the twelfth in South African cities since a state of emergency was declared on June 12...

The information Bureau said three more blacks had died in "unrest-related incidents", one of them killed by police and the others allegedly burnt to death in black-on-black violence.

A total of 99 "unrest" deaths have been reported by the Bureau since the emergency was declared.

In Kimberley, four De Beers diamond mines were closed yesterday by a strike by the black workforce of 1,950.

It was called a party in support of a pay claim, but mainly to protest at the detention of trade union leaders under the emergency.

Hundreds of union officials and members have been detained under the emergency regulations, which give sweeping powers to the police.

Pik Botha invites world sanctions

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, has joined the ranks of those African politicians who see merit in a siege economy...

The choice facing South Africa was clear: "Either we bow down to the world's demands or refuse to take any more of its meddling," he said.

What the West wanted - the handing-over of power to a majority based on one-man, one-vote - would be "tantamount to suicide".

The country should brace itself for a long period of sanctions, he said. Measures introduced by the conservative governments now in power in South Africa...

There is continuing confusion here over conflicting reports on Thursday about the future role of Dr Fritz Leutwyler, the Swiss banker.

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PC not guilty of boy's killing

By Craig Seton

Police Constable Brian Chester, who was acquitted yesterday of the unlawful killing of John Shorthouse...

PC Chester, aged 35, was greeted by cheers and applause from 300 people outside the court...

The officer, who shot the boy through the heart from nine inches range during a police raid on his parents' Birmingham home...

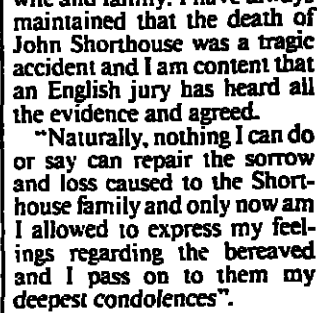
The father of three was expressionless as the jury foreman declared "not guilty" to manslaughter...

Clearly relieved, he read out a brief statement before being whisked away by car.

The trial judge, Mr Justice McNeill, discharged the jury after the verdict with the words "you have been trying a case which I believe to be unjust."

PC Chester, a community beat policeman from Coventry and also a qualified marksman with the West Midlands police tactical firearms squad...

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PC Chester leaving court yesterday

Rain a threat to women's final

By Angella Johnson

Martina Navratilova and Hana Mandlikova, Wimbledon finalists, could find themselves faced with another opponent in their Centre Court match today...

Weathermen say the sunny spell over most of the Wimbledon championship is on its way out...

The London Weather Bureau said: "There is a depression moving across the Atlantic which was expected to reach us yesterday but it was moving much slower than we first thought."

Today's early bright start will soon be followed by light showers mid-afternoon with temperatures in the mid 70s (20C), becoming cooler in the evening.

London was one of the hottest spots yesterday with temperatures at about 77F (25C) in the mid-afternoon.

Becker in final: Boris Becker, aged 18, of West Germany, who last year was the first unseeded and youngest player to win Wimbledon, will tomorrow defend his men's singles title on the Centre Court.

In yesterday's semi-final, Becker defeated Henri Leconte, aged 23, of France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 in two hours 24 minutes.

Gatting's triumph: In the Third Test at Edgbaston, India are 182 for 3, with Mohinder Amarnath 59 not out, in reply to England's first innings total of 398. Mike Gatting made an undefeated 183.

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Monday Watchers in the sky



Who will win the contract for Britain's early warning system?

Portfolio £24,000 to be won

There is £24,000 - double the usual total - to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition...

Prison strike

Fifty women prison officers at the Risley remand centre, Warrington, Cheshire, stopped work yesterday because of a dispute over staffing levels.

On This Day

Was Everest climbed in 1924 by George Mallory and Andrew Irvine? Noel Odell, the expedition's geologist, believes they must have reached the summit.

Too noisy

The peace and quiet of Surrey was destroyed for a retired couple when the M25 was built 200 metres from their home - but they are disqualified from receiving an insulation grant.

Oxford passes

Oxford class lists for botany and geology are published today.

US asks France to push for summit

From Michael Binyon, New York

President Reagan and President Francois Mitterrand, who stood side by side at the Statue of Liberty centennial celebrations, met over lunch yesterday to discuss the prospects for East-West relations in advance of the French leader's visit to Moscow on Monday.

Mr Reagan impressed on M Mitterrand his eagerness to achieve progress at the Geneva arms talks and his commitment to a summit meeting this year with Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

He clearly hopes M Mitterrand, during his three-day Moscow visit, will be able to prod the Soviet leader in to setting a firm date for the summit.

In recent weeks the US and Soviet leaders have written to each other about their proposed second meeting, with Mr Gorbachov saying the Soviet Union is ready for preparatory talks between the countries' foreign ministers.

After his recent conciliatory speech at Glassboro, Mr Reagan said in an interview on Thursday that new Soviet arms control proposals "make me optimistic that we're not only going to have a summit, but we're going to have a summit where we can reach agreement on some of the goals we share".

He called Mr Gorbachov's recent letter "quite a packet - and worthwhile".

Meanwhile M Mitterrand, with whom the US has restored cordial relations after the public dispute over the US raid on Libya, said here that Mr Gorbachov was the first "modern man" to lead the Soviet Union: a man with whom it was possible to negotiate an arms agreement.

At a New York luncheon on Thursday he sketched a warm portrait of the Soviet leader, whom he said he knew better than his Western counterparts. He had had 12 hours of meetings with Mr Gorbachov during the Soviet leader's visit to Paris last October. The French visit to Moscow is a return visit.

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Carter storms out

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Jimmy Carter, the former American President, and most of the Western diplomatic community here walked out of a reception yesterday to celebrate America's 210th anniversary of independence.

The incident, the latest jar to Zimbabwe's relations with the United States, came when the Zimbabwean Ministry of Foreign Affairs used the occasion to attack American policy over South Africa.

The affair, in Meikles Hotel, began with Mr Carter singing Zimbabwe's praises. Dr Witness Mangwende, the Foreign Minister, in a speech read on his behalf by a junior cabinet minister, indirectly linked America with South African "terrorism" and accused Britain and America of offering "plaudits and apologies only" for South Africa.

Mr Carter and Mr Gibson Lanpher, the US chargé d'affaires, exchanged glances, turned their backs on the podium and walked out expressionlessly.

Mr Carter said at a scheduled press conference later that he felt "insulted".

Interest rate hopes lift gilt market

By David Smith

Hopes of lower interest rates produced gains of £1 or more in government stocks yesterday. It was the third successive day of strong gains.

The City is expecting a better set of money supply figures on Tuesday with interest rate reductions in Japan and the United States, and the measures could provide room for a small reduction in British base rates.

M Jacques de Larosière, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said in Geneva that lower inflation and prudent economic policies provided room for lower world interest rates.

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Ilea sports chief lacks team spirit

By John Goldbody Sports News Correspondent

Competitive team sports should not be played during school hours, a leading physical education chief said last night.

Mrs Carol Rowbotham, chief inspector of physical education for the Inner London Education Authority, said inter-school matches should take place after 4 pm on Saturday mornings.

"I think balance is the most important word, particularly when we are talking about the daily programme - the 9 to 4 programme in schools."

"We would be against competition during that," Mrs Rowbotham said on ITV's The London Programme, which was devoted to the decline of team sports such as cricket, football and rugby union in schools.

Mrs Rowbotham said she did not think that curriculum time should be spent just with the best seven, eleven or best fifteen playing another school.

However, organizations such as the Central Council of Physical Recreation lament that this policy means pupils drift away from team games which will ultimately harm national teams.

The council has become so worried at the trend that it announced on Thursday it would discuss with teachers' unions and professional organizations how to halt the decline of competitive sport in state schools.

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Labour's immigration policy would 'open the door to thousands'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr David Waddington, the Home Office Minister in charge of immigration, has said that Labour Party policies would open the door to tens of thousands of immigrants.

He challenged recent statements by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow Home Secretary, on immigration which he said were clearly incompatible.

On the one hand the Labour Party wanted Asian people to believe immigration controls would be substantially relaxed, while on the other it wanted to reassure the rest of Britain that their policies would have little practical effect.

This indicated "something rather unconvincing is afoot", he said in a speech to Epsom Conservatives last night.

"They are cynically leading one group or the other up the garden path."

During his recent visit to India Mr Kinnock said a Labour Government would repeal recent immigration and nationality laws. Mr Kaufman said his party's policies would lead to fewer than 1,000 immigrants a year entering Britain.

Mr Waddington said that good race relations depended on firm immigration control.

"It is a simple but undeniable fact that there is a limit to the number of newcomers any society can absorb and we could not possibly accept all those who want to come."

Mr Kinnock had called for everyone born in Britain to have the right to citizenship automatically.

"This would involve giving citizenship, and therefore, the right of abode, to children born to parents here in a temporary capacity; for instance, students or people here illegally. Between 3,000 and 6,500 children would be affected each year," Mr Waddington said.

The Labour Party's pledge to remove rules which stopped people using marriage as a way of entering Britain would allow in another 1,500 young men a year, he said. But it could also lead to many more immigrants who saw it as a new way of getting into the country.

An easing of rules governing the admission of elderly parents and other relatives could lead to an influx of about 500 more people a year. And another 5,500 could be admitted through Labour's commitment to transfer unused entry vouchers from Asians in Africa to those in India. In addition, around 36,000 British overseas citizens in India could join the entry queue.

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Britain 'obsessed by the academic'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Britain had never had a proper system of education and training geared to the needs of industry and commerce, Mr Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, told a conference yesterday.

The British obsession with the academic was more than a subject of passing concern, he told careers teachers. It had been responsible for much of our economic decline because it helped turn industry into a dirty word.

"I believe that perceptions are beginning to change, but it is nothing short of a national tragedy that young people have come to regard the sparker and the spark plug with such disdain."

Mr Nicholson told the conference that British employers had to recruit from a pool containing people with few

formal qualifications and very limited vocational training.

Moreover, young people were not provided with such a good foundation for continuing their education later in life as they were in other countries.

The Technical and Vocational Training Initiative, which was to become a national programme affecting every secondary school, would help to change all that so that what children learned was more practical and relevant to adult life and the world of work.

"What that means, in effect, is that more young people are encouraged to stay at school to get qualifications and skills that will be useful to them in adult life, so that they may have a better and broader foundation for subsequent education and training for professional or working life."

TV licence campaign nets £4m

A campaign to crack down on television licence dodgers has brought in an extra £4 million, it was announced yesterday.

Spearheading the five-month campaign on behalf of the Home Office was a 30-strong Post Office task force which supported local anti-evasion teams. Staffing of local teams has also been strengthened.

The campaign resulted in at least 90,000 extra licences being bought, worth £4 million. The number of licences in force reached a record of nearly 19 million this year.

Mr Brian Sprot, who heads the Post Office's anti-evasion operation, said: "The campaign was particularly successful as it was undertaken in the wake of a TV licence increase, which always tends to give rise to more evasion."

"The concentration of effort provided by the task force, supported by extensive broadcast and Press publicity, paid dividends."



Part of the longest milk bottle-top chain in the world - or, if not, very nearly - being strung along yesterday by Alexa Wereszczuk (left) and Sian McNamara at the Silver Jubilee of the Pre-School Playgroups Association at Battersea Park, south London. The chain is to be given to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Photograph: Peter Tricner)

Pianist wins in Moscow

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

An important international success by a Belfast pianist has been hailed as a vindication of British classical music teaching facilities, which are often criticized as lagging behind those of eastern Europe.

Mr John Barstow, a professor at the Royal College of Music, London, expressed delight yesterday on learning that Barry Douglas, one of his former students, had won the gold medal in the main piano section of the International Tchaikovsky Music Competition in Moscow on Thursday.

Mr Douglas, aged 26, excelled over more than 100 soloists to become the first British pianist to win the prestigious award outright since the competition began in 1958.

The Times correspondent in Moscow reported that his virtuoso performances of concertos by Tchaikovsky and Brahms had evoked rapturous applause. The competition er-

ery four years is regarded as the most demanding of its kind in the world.

Mr Barstow attributed his student's success to an engaging personality, which could not be underestimated at this level of competition, a remarkable ability to concentrate and a natural facility for music.

"Barry has a touch of the Irish charm. I have no doubt this played a part in his warm reception in Moscow," he said.

"He was a very advanced player with a most distinguished style when he arrived at the college. If he carries on at the rate he has done, there is every reason to suppose he may become the outstanding pianist of his generation."

Mr Barstow said that Mr Douglas had effectively refuted criticism of teaching facilities and standards in Britain.

"One continually hears complaints that we are lagging behind the east Europeans, and that our most talented musicians have to study

abroad to further their careers.

"Barry is a British pianist who has studied exclusively in Britain. I think his magnificent achievement amply disproves these assertions."

Mr Douglas began playing by ear at the age of five, and after preliminary lessons from a local teacher, he entered the City of Belfast School of Music three years later. He continued his studies at the Royal College between 1978 and 1982, and has since won international awards in the United States, Israel and Spain.

At his family home yesterday, his mother, Mrs Sadie Douglas, said that there had been no time to celebrate because the telephone had not stopped ringing with messages of congratulations.

There was no strong musical tradition in the family, although Mr Douglas's paternal grandfather had been an amateur pianist and violinist.

£1,000 for ILEA man who was arrested

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Mr Herman Ouseley, the new deputy head of the Inner London Education Authority, is to receive £1,000 from the Metropolitan Police in an out-of-court settlement, after claiming he was falsely imprisoned following an incident in 1979.

Two other men are receiving £1,250 and £500 for their claims against the police. The settlement has been delayed because of difficulties in keeping in touch with one of the three claimants and a series of court actions about the case.

Mr Brian Raymond, solicitor for the three, said the case arose out of an incident in a south London public house seven years ago in which a policeman was injured.

Police received information that one of the men involved in the incident was a black man with a sheepskin coat and might be found at an address in Brixton, south-east London. The address was the office of a Lambeth community group.

Police arrested Mr Ouseley, who is now deputy head of the ILEA, and Mr Lloyd Douglas, a community worker, and a third man who did not want to be identified later. All three are black and owned sheepskin coats. They were freed after several hours.

The case was delayed for a period and the police then applied successfully for the case to be struck out because of the time being taken. An appeal was mounted and the case was reinstated.

Man who sued rail union gets his cheque

By Angela Johnson

A former naval commander who won a historic legal battle for damages from rail unions after he was left stranded during a rail strike called without a ballot in support of the miners, yesterday collected his cheque for £173.

That is the amount Mr Angus Falconer, aged 55, of Crimlac Lane, Sheffield, was awarded by a county court in May, when the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef were ordered to pay damages.

A delighted Mr Falconer picked up his cheque and said: "This represents a huge step forward for the freedom of the individual."

"Although it has cost me a good deal of money to fight the case, other people can follow in my footsteps without it costing them a penny. If they are the victim of an illegal strike they can take action for damages and costs because I have now established the precedent."

Mr Falconer was paid the £53 cost of staying overnight in a London hotel and £100 general damages for the inconvenience, plus interest.

Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association which supported Mr Falconer's case, said that the unions have dropped plans to appeal against the ruling.

"The floodgates are now open to any traveller and I think the rail unions are anxious that the fact is not well publicized," he said.

Jeweller is remanded in custody

Mr John Palmer, a jeweller, appeared in court yesterday charged in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat gold bullion robbery.

Mr Palmer, aged 36, from Bath, is accused of conspiring to handle dishonestly gold bullion stolen in Britain's biggest robbery.

Det Chief Supt Inspector Ron Smith, of Scotland Yard's special operations task force, objected to bail.

Mr Philip Alberg, for Mr Palmer, made no application for bail, and Mr Palmer was remanded in custody until July 11 by magistrates at Horseferry Road, central London.

He had been held at Kennington police station, south London, since his arrest at Heathrow Airport last Wednesday.

Decline of the sliced white loaf

The standard sliced white loaf, which a few years ago seemed to pose a major threat to "real" bread, now appears to be in decline (John Young writes).

Although it is still the clear market leader, with 42 per cent of total sales, it has lost ground to brown bread, unsliced white and wholemeal. The latter showed a 45 per cent increase in consumption in the first three months of this year compared with the same period last year.

According to the Federation of Bakers, wholemeal now accounts for 15 per cent of total sales, and brown bread for a further 12 per cent. Total bread consumption between January and March was up from 30.12 to 30.87 oz a week, representing an extra 250,000 loaves a day.

Killer confined indefinitely

A student nurse who shot his former tutor was sent to hospital without limit of time at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Gatehouse said he regarded 33-year-old Michael Howard as a "danger", after he pleaded guilty to a killing which was "pre-planned, deliberate, brutal and merciless".

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Planning laws defeat private gallery scheme

Westminster City Council, the planning authority, eventually agreed in principle to the proposed alterations on condition that the Victorian murals in the central hall were repositioned and that it be supplied with the fullest details so that it "could be reassured as to their quality".

But English Heritage, which took over powers of the abolished Greater London Council to grant or refuse listed building consent for alterations, feared that parts of the interior could be mutilated.

Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westminster's planning and development committee, said: "Unfortunately it appears that English Heritage felt unable to take a suitably flexible view as ours."

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "Our primary job is to consider whether changes to a listed building are going to seriously alter or mutilate it. Our job was not to consider whether there should be an art collection in this building."

Freemasons exhibition to dispel 'dark image'

Freemasonry can now hold few secrets from the general public, the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, said yesterday at the opening of a permanent exhibition on the history and work of the craft.

He said that the exhibition, in the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Holborn, central London, would help dispel some of the persistent myths of "nameless dark practices", strange regalia and undue secrecy which surround the order.

Such rumours had been fuelled in recent years by the publication of a number of scurrilous books on the subject. The Freemasons' attitude that such allegations were best ignored had been "perhaps a misguided policy", he said.

The exhibition and the new willingness to speak, albeit to a limited extent, is largely the result of allegations by the writer Stephen Knight in a book published in 1983 which claimed that Freemasonry had undue influence among the police and judiciary and that some sections of its more arcane rituals had their roots in ancient devil worship.

In recent years the Methodist Church has also spoken out against Freemasonry. The Roman Catholic Church, after some years of ambivalence, has re-instituted its prohibition on Catholics becoming Freemasons.

Mr Jeremy Pemberton, president of the Grand Lodge's board of general purposes, said that the policy of refusing to respond to even simple enquiries caused "no positive harm until the early 1980s when it became increasingly clear that 'no comment' by us implied to the outside world an acceptance of the truth of allegations, however damaging and untrue".

That policy began to change under the leadership of the Duke of Kent, he said.

The exhibition lays emphasis on the charitable work of Freemasonry and on members of the royal family who have been masons, a tradition which ends only with Prince Charles, who is said to have declined to join.

Pit union asks men to stay

National Union of Mineworkers officials in Scotland appealed yesterday to miners to stay in the industry and remove their names from the voluntary redundancy lists.

The union, concerned at the flood of men seeking to accept British Coal's redundancy terms of £1,000 for every year's service, described the offer as a "con trick" on the workforce which the miners would regret.

Mr George Crawford, NUM Scottish executive member and branch chairman at Bilton Colliery in Edinburgh, told a meeting of 140 miners that it would be a mistake to opt for redundancy.

But 650 of the 1,400 men at the pit have put forward their names. At neighbouring Monktonhall colliery a similar proportion have decided to leave the industry.

The NUM is arguing that the miners would be worse off because a future had been assured for both pits. None of the miners would qualify for social security if they left the industry.

Lamb sells in shops after curb

Sales of lamb appear not to have been affected as badly as was feared in the latest rationing scare.

Two weeks after the Government imposed restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep, a certain part of the country, the public seems to have accepted assurances that meat in the shops presents no health risk, and to be taking advantage of low seasonal prices to stock fivers.

The National Federation of Meat Traders yesterday described the situation as encouraging.

The price in the shops of whole leg is down to an average of £1.81 a pound from £1.98 last week, and shoulder is down from £1.20 to £1.07.

The fall is largely attributable to seasonal factors, although in Scotland, where the restrictions were announced later than in North Wales and Cumbria, prices have dropped more sharply, by about 35p a pound.

Science Report

Japan dominates the desalination market

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Japan now supplies half of the world's high volume desalination plants. Countries with water shortage problems are becoming increasingly dependent on the results of research being conducted by Japanese chemists and engineers.

More than 7.5 million cubic metres of desalinated water is produced each day from the Japanese plants around the world. Water and salt are separated from ordinary sea water - more than 97 per cent of the water on earth.

The driving force behind the research has been the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). It has been steering its technologists towards the research and development of systems which can process in volume.

The Japanese research programme, which involves the development of four principal techniques, began on a large scale in 1979. Their ambitious research programme will ensure that plants capable of producing more than 100,000 cubic metres a day of water could be commonplace by the end of next year.

The desalination techniques obtain fresh water from sea water or remove salt which is dissolved in the water. Evaporation was the first developed technique. Heated seawater is

pipled into a specially designed room under reduced pressure where it evaporates.

The second and third principal research methods centre around a technique called *Osmosis/Reverse Osmosis*, where the flow of the sea water through a semipermeable membrane takes place. The membrane permits only the solvent (fresh water) but not the substances dissolved (common salt) to pass.

The fourth technique being developed and refined is based on *electrodialysis* methods. In this case the salt water is fed into a container with two electrodes of different polarity at each end, broken into sections by semipermeable membranes. A direct current voltage is applied across the anode and cathode plates with the common salt - sodium chloride - separated out through electrolysis.

According to a report* Japan has supplied 47.2 per cent of the world's evaporation desalination plants (capacity 7,471,000 cubic metres a day), 7.22 per cent of the world's reverse osmosis plants (capacity 1,983,000 cubic metres a day) and 8.45 per cent of the world's electrodialysis plants (capacity 467,000 metres a day).

*Source: Digest of Japanese Industry and Technology 2/8/1986.

Butterfly fight for survival

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Several scarce and attractive species of British butterfly are almost extinct, according to the Nature Conservancy Council.

In an appeal for careful management of chalk grassland by farmers and other landowners, the council said yesterday that a survey by its Butterfly Team Under Threat Team (Butt) had shown that several rare species had dwindled to only a few colonies.

Some had suffered from the tall growth of plants after grazing rabbits had been killed off in the 1940s and

Planning laws defeat private gallery scheme

Westminster City Council, the planning authority, eventually agreed in principle to the proposed alterations on condition that the Victorian murals in the central hall were repositioned and that it be supplied with the fullest details so that it "could be reassured as to their quality".

But English Heritage, which took over powers of the abolished Greater London Council to grant or refuse listed building consent for alterations, feared that parts of the interior could be mutilated.

Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westminster's planning and development committee, said: "Unfortunately it appears that English Heritage felt unable to take a suitably flexible view as ours."

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "Our primary job is to consider whether changes to a listed building are going to seriously alter or mutilate it. Our job was not to consider whether there should be an art collection in this building."

Magazine Weapons

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Award-winning rose dominates festival

A display of Just Joey, a copper pink and buff large flowered rose, which has won the James Mason memorial gold medal, will dominate the British Rose Festival, which opens today.

The rose was named after the wife of the raiser, Mr Roger Pevsey, from Cants, Essex, of Colchester, Essex. It was introduced in 1973, and has since consistently topped popularity polls in Britain.

Mr Pevsey will today be presented with the medal at the festival by the donor, Mrs Clarissa Mason, widow of James Mason, the actor.

There is also a display of the 1986 Rose of the Year, Gentle Touch, a soft patio variety in warm, dark pink. Many rose growers are also showing this variety, including R. Harzness, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. They are also featuring their new orange and yellow floribunda, Wandering Minstrel, and gold and orange floribunda, Conqueror's Gold.

The new scented, pale yellow, splashed, carmine floribunda, Champagne Cocktail, is being featured by E B LeGrice of

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Man who sued rail union gets his cheque

By Angella Johnson
A former naval commander who won a historic legal battle for damages from rail unions after he was left paralysed during a rail strike...

Elite squad to tackle gun sieges after death of boy

By Craig Seton
An elite firearms squad on permanent stand-by will be formed by West Midlands police in the aftermath of the John Shorthouse killing...



Mrs Thatcher in the chemistry class yesterday when she visited her old school at Grantham, Lincolnshire (Photograph: Suresh Karada).

Thatcher moved as old school ties are renewed

By Mark Dowd
Britain's most illustrious grocer's daughter renewed her acquaintance with her alma mater when she arrived at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School to open a £1.5 million extension yesterday...

Spy trial hears evidence in camera

By Stewart Tandler
Crime Reporter
A number of prosecution witnesses gave evidence 'in camera' yesterday, the fifth day of the trial of an East German couple accused of espionage...

Chippendale collection safe

A grant of £6,100,000 agreed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund this week has safeguarded the future of Nostell Priory, Yorkshire, whose contents include what is probably the world's finest collection of Chippendale furniture...

Fares plea by jobless father

The Court of Appeal reserved judgement yesterday on whether an unemployed father is entitled to have his children's taxi fares paid for by the Department of Health and Social Security when they visit him...

Policemen sent for trial

A police sergeant and four constables accused over the alleged 'Holloway transit van' attack in August 1983, were committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court by Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday...

Wedding gift for charity

When Rosemary Carson and Peter Holm marry today there will be no presents from relatives and friends - but there will be a lot of happiness for abused children...

Banned pupil 'top of class'

Sarah Hearn, aged 15, who was banned from Park School, Barnstaple, Devon, nine months ago for leading a pupil protest, has come top of the class...

Consul in rape bribe allegations

A British honorary consul was due to be interviewed yesterday over allegations that he tried to buy the silence of two rape victims...

Firemen claim sex bias on haircuts

Three firemen claiming sexual discrimination against the London Fire Brigade when they were ordered to have a haircut, said at an industrial tribunal yesterday that they should be treated the same as women...

'Strong case' for curb on hippies

By a Staff Reporter
A measure to curb the activities of hippies will shortly be considered by Parliament, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday...

Bitter mother blames armed police raiders

The mother of John Shorthouse still holds the police entirely responsible for her son's death, and will not blame her husband, whose part in a robbery led to the armed police raid on their matrimonial in Birmingham (Craig Seton writes)...

Magazines promoting weapons may face ban

The Government is prepared to consider banning so-called 'survivalist' magazines which encourage people to arm themselves with weapons such as crossbows, said a Home Office minister yesterday...

Building guarantee is curbing the cowboys

The threat posed by cowboy builders, who are often guilty of shoddy workmanship or failing to do agreed work, is being combated by guarantee schemes against loss and increased publicity about their activities...

Canalettos fetch £594,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent
Two views of Venice painted on copper by Canaletto, which sold for £5,800 at Sotheby's in 1953, secured £594,000 at Christie's yesterday...

Scrabble wins battle of words

A High Court judge has had the last word in the battle over the board game Scrabble. He has ordered Thomas Finlay, a word game enthusiast, to stick to the letter of the law in not incorporating Scrabble in his Wordmasters Tournament...

Test-tube babies First frozen-egg births

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent
The birth of the world's first two babies from frozen eggs, announced by doctors in Australia yesterday, may lead to many of the controversial ethical problems of test-tube fertilization being resolved...

Lamb sell in shops after curf

By John Lacey
Agriculture Correspondent
The curfew on lamb sales in shops has been lifted, allowing consumers to buy fresh lamb again...

Winning roses mates festival

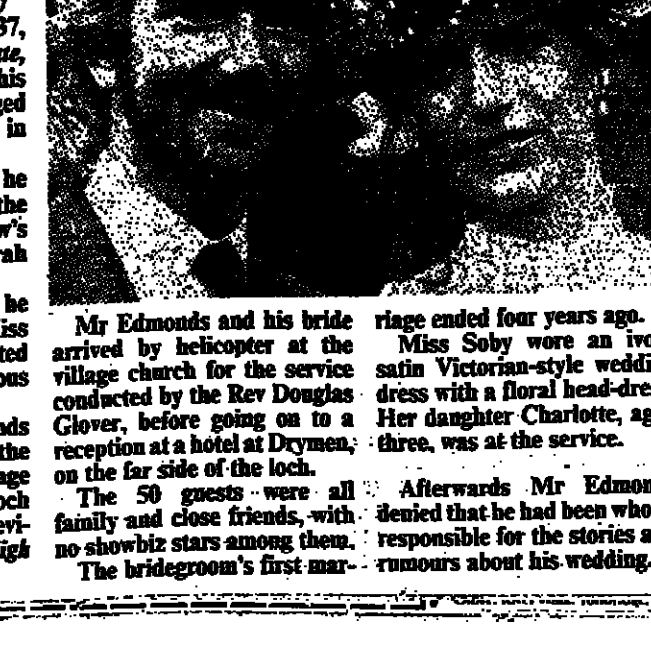
The winning roses from the annual festival of roses in Lincolnshire will be used to make a special perfume...

Pet ferret's death costs farmer £467

Dennis Tindale, aged 49, a farmer, has been ordered at Lincoln Crown Court to pay a fine, costs and compensation totalling £467 after an incident in which he ran over a pet ferret...

Late show presenter weds early

Noel Edmonds, aged 37, presenter of the BBC's Late, Late Breakfast Show, and his bride, Miss Helen Soby, aged 24, after their marriage in Scotland yesterday...



Mr Edmonds and his bride arrived by helicopter at the village church for the service conducted by the Rev Douglas Glover, before going on to a reception at a hotel at Drymen, on the far side of the loch...

Penang court told drug pair's death warrants already signed

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Time is running out for the two condemned Australian drug-traffickers, Brian Geoffrey Chambers and Kevin John Barlow, who was born in Britain.

In an unexpected development yesterday, Tan Sri Abu Talib Osman, the Malaysian Attorney-General, told a stunned High Court sitting in Penang that the order to execute the pair had been issued and the courts had no more say in the matter.

Informed sources here said last night that the two men could be hanged as early as Monday morning.

But prison officials at Pudu jail, where they are being held on the death row, refused to confirm this, and would only say that they had not been hanged yet.

Mrs Barbara Barlow, Kevin Barlow's mother, told *The Times* last night that she was disappointed and very upset by the news. There was no comment from Mrs Sue Chambers, the mother of Geoffrey Chambers.

Barlow and Chambers were arrested for drug-trafficking in 1983, with 179 grammes (6.3 oz) of heroin found on them, and were sentenced to death in July, 1985. The Supreme Court confirmed their death sentences in December. The Pardons Board rejected their clemency petitions two weeks ago.

Plea to King

Lord Gifford, QC, sponsor of the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, sent a telegram to the King of Malaysia yesterday saying: "In the name of humanity and justice I urge you to stay execution of Barlow and Chambers pending current judicial proceedings."

The Penang hearing, to stay the execution pending further legal moves, had been put off until yesterday after Mr Shaari Yusoff, the Penang state legal adviser, had assured the court last week that the warrant of execution would not be issued, meanwhile.

Yesterday, Tan Sri Abu Talib said Mr Shaari had no authority to say what he did. Lawyers for Barlow and Chambers noticed something was not right when the judge assigned to the case, Mr Justice Edgar Joseph, stayed the execution of Barlow and Chambers, and Mr Justice Peh Swee Chin came from Ipoh, 150 miles to the south, to preside. He has now postponed the hearing until July 14, but lawyers believe the case is becoming rather academic.

Mr Subash Chandran, counsel for Chambers, said yesterday: "It is scandalous to execute the two men when proceedings are under way. We are asking the Governor to stop the executions in the name of humanity."

But Tan Sri Abu Talib said: "The court has decided it has no jurisdiction over a stay of execution. It is not that the Pardons Board has not considered all aspects of the case as alleged by the lawyers. We have considered everything."

The last avenue open to the two men is an appeal to Tun Awang Hassan, the Governor of Penang. This morning, their lawyers will call at his residence, hoping they would be received and their request for a stay of execution allowed.

"It is their last hope," one lawyer said, "but they are clutching at straws."

If Barlow and Chambers are executed, they will be the first whites to be hanged in Malaysia since the Second World War. In the intervening years, 35 men and one woman have been sent to the gallows for drug offences under Malaysia's tough anti-drug laws. Another 72 have been sentenced to death but are awaiting the outcome of their appeals.

On Thursday, a labourer, aged 54, was sentenced to death after having been found in possession of more than 3 kilograms (6.6 lbs) of opium. A man, aged 71, who was arrested with him was acquitted for lack of evidence.



Military police firing to disperse anti-government protesters in Santiago during the strike.

Seven die in Chilean general strike

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Seven people are dead, 50 have bullet wounds and at least 600 are under arrest as a result of the two-day general strike in Chile this week.

Unequal confrontations between stone-throwing youths and combat troops went on late into the night on Thursday, the last day of the strike, accompanied by frequent bomb blasts and volleys of machine-gun fire.

Details of the unrest became extremely difficult to obtain on Wednesday after the Government banned the news broadcasts of four popular Santiago radio stations. The archbishop of Santi-

ago, which is responsible for two of the radio stations, condemned the military Government's action and called on the armed forces, "whose mission should be to defend citizens' rights, to abstain from actions which will increase the spiral of violence in the country."

The Government has filed charges against a journalist of the opposition magazine *Caer* for a recent report on the illegal revolutionary left movement.

The director, columnist and journalist of *Andisic* magazine also face serious charges for allegedly maintain-

Fears of ballot-rigging Mexico rulers face fair-vote challenge

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Mexico's ruling party faces this weekend what many believe to be its toughest electoral challenge yet, with church leaders joining opposition parties in calling for widespread protests should government officials resort to vote-rigging, a not uncommon practice.

Elections for governor take place tomorrow in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Michoacán and Zacatecas. In Chihuahua there will also be polling for the national Congress and for mayors.

It is in Chihuahua, up on the US border, that it is widely felt the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) is most likely to have to fix the vote if it is to preserve its record of having won every state and presidential election in the past 57 years.

Chihuahua, the biggest Mexican state, is the size of Spain, but has a population of only three million. Chihuahuans, belying the canine association, are a tall, sturdy people, cowboy stock from which sprang Pancho Villa, leader of Mexico's 1910 revolution.

Conscious of a tradition to uphold, Chihuahua is a stronghold of the country's main opposition party, National Action Party (PAN), a business-based party of the right, it believes the PRI will use widespread fraud to try to deny it an historic victory.

The main party of the left, the United Mexican Socialist Party (PSUM), appears to share that belief. "Everything is already cooked up to consummate a monumental fraud, an unprecedented swindle," Señor Antonio Becerra, the PSUM candidate for the governorship, said. Mgr Adalberto Almeida, the Roman Catholic Archbishop

of Chihuahua, has publicly condemned as a "sin" what he also sees to be the impending fraud, a prediction based essentially on the PRI's total control of the state electoral apparatus.

"We are with the people against electoral fraud because we consider it to be unjust, because it violates human rights, because it is a mockery of the people and because it takes away the legitimacy of the Government."

Church leaders have joined unions and opposition parties in calling for the setting up of human road-blocks all over the state — the aim being to paralyse Chihuahua — should the vote be fixed.

It is feared that post-electoral violence will be worst in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua's biggest town. Troops arrived this week to help police to prevent rioting.

More than a hundred foreign reporters, mostly Americans, have also arrived in Ciudad Juárez, much to the indignation of PRI officials, who see them as an encouragement to the PAN both to cry fraud and provoke anti-government violence.

Despite well-documented evidence of massive fraud in state elections last year, the PRI scoffs at predictions that it will be resorting to such methods this time.

The PRI dismisses the PAN as a serious rival, saying it is a party without a plan of government.

The PAN candidate for governor, Señor Francisco "Pancho" Barrio, survived a plane crash three weeks ago and says the same divine providence which intervened on his behalf then will see to it he wins tomorrow.

Envoy invites dissident as Seoul protests

Seoul (Reuters) — The American Ambassador to South Korea met the dissident leader Mr Kim Dae-jung yesterday for the first time since President Chun Doo Hwan came to power in 1980.

Aides to the Ambassador, Mr Richard Walker, said Mr Kim attended an Independence Day reception at Mr Walker's residence.

The Government has protested to the embassy over Mr Kim's invitation, government sources said.

Before attending the reception, Mr Kim urged Washington to support "the democratic movement in Korea in order to restore friendly relations".

Hu criticizes Mao and praises party debate

From A Correspondent, Peking

In a speech that appeared on the front pages of China's most influential newspapers this week, the Communist Party secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang, criticized Mao Tse-tung's "reluctance to accept what was differing from his own" and reiterated Mr Deng Xiaoping's view that dissent is healthy.

Mr Hu said that although the 1930s marked "the peak of Mao's theoretical work to develop Marxism", by the 1950s he had become too rigid in his thinking.

Mr Hu also criticized "some comrades in the party, especially young comrades", who "feared contradictions and

were not forthright enough in putting forward their views".

The party had learned from the past mistake of automatically branding those with differing views as promoting "right deviations" or "following a capitalist road".

Those who did not favour the principles and policies adopted by the Central Committee but who strived to abide by them were "free to hold their reservations".

But Mr Hu warned cadres who "tried to promote ideas and policies antagonistic to those of the Central Committee" that they would face disciplinary action.

26 drown in Bangladesh ferry sinking

Dhaka — Twenty-six people were drowned when a monsoon storm capsized a boat in the River Jamuna in central Bangladesh, the Bengali-language daily *Dainik Bangla* reported yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The boat was ferrying passengers between the northern river port of Sirajganj to Tangail, five miles away. About 14 people survived.

The backlash from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster Chinese plant site worries Hong Kong

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Public figures, environmentalists and newspapers here are creating a near-hysterical wave of opposition to the construction of a nuclear power plant at Daya Bay in China, about 30 miles from Hong Kong's borders.

The groundswell of opposition — being fuelled by Miss Maria Tam, a well-known legislator, the influential *South China Morning Post*, several mass-circulation Chinese language newspapers and numerous prominent educators and scientists — has been greatly intensified by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

One argument being made against the Daya Bay plant is that Hong Kong's population is so dense that any accident could cause radiation sickness in huge numbers, and there would be no feasible way of evacuating the near six million residents of the city.

Some critics of the project have suggested that the plant be fuelled by coal or oil, especially in view of the recent collapse of the world oil price.

But Sir Jack Cater, a former official of the Hong Kong Government who is now on the board of the Hong Kong company, which in a joint venture with China, is building the plant, said yesterday he believed the project would go ahead as planned.

The scheme involves two French nuclear reactors and turbine generators made by Britain's General Electric

Company. Most of the power produced would be sold to the Hong Kong firm of China Light and Power.

Local representatives of the People's Republic of China have indicated that Peking will not back down from its plans to build the plant. They have expressed indignation at what they regard as a political smear campaign to make trouble in advance of the reversion

of Hong Kong to full Chinese rule in 1997.

"Safety adequate": A British nuclear expert said yesterday that safety measures at the proposed Daya Bay nuclear power plant were adequate (Reuters reports).

Mr Peter Littlewood, the planning and contracts manager for the plant, said there had been no radioactive leaks from similar reactors installed

at 14 other plants around the world.

Mr Littlewood told a legislative panel examining the plant's safety that no one would have to be evacuated outside a six-mile zone around the plant in the event of an accident. He admitted under questioning, however, that there was no contingency plan to evacuate Hong Kong's 5.4 million people.

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Lord Barber says Mandela would have sought to end violence

SOUTH AFRICA

If the negotiating concept devised by the Eminent Persons Group had been implemented and Nelson Mandela released, his would have been a powerful voice for calm throughout South Africa, Lord Barber, a member of the EPG, said during a debate in the House of Lords.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said when she opened the debate that the British Government saw violence in South Africa as a symptom, not a cause, of that country's deep malaise and believed Pretoria was sadly mistaken if it thought it could deal with the problems by force. But gloomy as the outlook is (she said) it would be wrong to paint a picture devoid of any light or shade.

The situation in South Africa had evolved over the past two years. President Botha had admitted that apartheid was outdated. Reforms had been introduced that would have been unthinkable even a few years ago.

However, the pace of reform was painfully slow, with too little being done too late and too grudgingly.

Therefore, the South African Government had not had credit from black people or the international community. The focus was still upon the distance still to be travelled, rather than upon the progress that had been made.

When the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) started his trip to South Africa, he would not issue an ultimatum, nor make threats. He would impress upon the people he would meet that — as seen from Europe — South Africa could no longer delay the international dialogue that was being urged upon them.

The forces that will change South Africa are primarily internal, not external (she said). It will be difficult and it will take time. We must reinforce the positive forces for change, such as strengthening the hand of liberal whites and the business community and signalling to black people that there is a real prospect of a solution through negotiation and not through violence.

We do not see what would be gained (she said) by undermining the economy of the whole southern African region and encouraging the South African Government to retreat to the laager and fight to the bitter end for what could be many years.

They could hold out for a long time under such conditions. As long as there is hope of a peaceful solution, we must keep trying to work towards it and leave the South African Government in no doubt of the need to grasp their opportunity before it is too late.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said all parties in the House were fundamentally opposed to apartheid and wished to end it quickly. They differed on the measures to be taken to deal with this great evil.

The Foreign Secretary (he went on) is an old friend of mine and I wish him well in his mission, but it requires a quite remarkable imagination to believe that Mr Botha and his friends are prepared to contemplate proposals that would come anywhere near international acceptance. I hope I shall be



Barber: South Africa could have aborted raids

proved wrong, but the messages from Pretoria over the past few days are not encouraging. Sanctions by Britain and drafts were not effective measures and would impress nobody. It was necessary to consider what the consequences of all this would be on the future of the Commonwealth.

The Bishop of Birmingham (the Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore) said that the situation of the black person in South Africa was not unlike that of the Jew in pre-war Germany, subject to arrest, violence and disappearance without trace.

Now that the Eminent Persons Group had reported, they should know without qualification whether the British Government endorsed its proposals, and if not, why not.

Lord Barber (C) said that the eminent persons group had formulated a possible negotiating concept, one requirement being that they could not logically release Mandela without also releasing other political prisoners in the same category. The negotiating concept was left with the South African Government for two months and they neither accepted nor rejected it. At the second meeting with Mandela, he read it carefully and his answer was that while he could not speak for the African National Congress, as far as he personally was concerned he would accept the concept as a starting point.

"I have no doubt (he added) that what he went on to say that if the concept had been implemented his would have been a powerful voice for calm throughout South Africa. I am convinced, and I weigh my words carefully, that he would have used all his efforts to bring an end to violence if that concept had been accepted."

When the group returned to Cape Town for its most important meeting so far with ministers on the constitutional committee, they began to get reports of the raids on the three neighbouring countries. I cannot understand (he said) why the South African Government could not have aborted the raids. This was not conducive to good will.

Lord St John of Bletso (Ind) a white South African who had lived in that country all his life, said he wanted to see a non-racial South African democracy. He did not represent any political party or other interests. The choice in South Africa was between danger and disaster.

Negotiations were necessary with a wide spectrum of peoples, including the African National Congress, and political prisoners, and Nelson Mandela. He hoped sanity would prevail upon the South African Government to release him.

The EPG had made tremendous progress in laying the foundations for future negotiations.

The Government is to mount a publicity campaign to deter under 16 year-olds from smoking. Mr Allan Stewart, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, indicated this in the Commons when a Lords amendment to the Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill was agreed to.

The Incest and Related Offences (Scotland) Bill passed its remaining stages. The Co-ownership of Flats Bill was read a second time.

Apartheid Lord Barber says Mandela would have sought to end violence

Economic sanctions would be totally counter-productive. The immediate effect would be massive unemployment of black people and mass hunger.

If every black person downed tools and stayed at home for two weeks, they could bring the means of production in South Africa to a standstill.

Would not that be a more effective measure than sanctions? (he asked). Lord Stewart of Falmouth (Lab), a former Foreign Secretary, said the Prime Minister had managed somehow, whether he intended to do it or not, to give the impression that she did not like taking measures against apartheid. She had made it clear that if the Foreign Secretary returned empty-handed there was still no kind of obligation on this country, in her view, to take any measures at all.

This seemed to be a series of signals to the South African Government saying: "You need not worry too much; you have friends on the other side of the Mediterranean. We shall see to it that you do not come to any serious harm". That was exactly the wrong message to send to the South African Government at the present time. He viewed the whole situation with profound pessimism.

Lord Soames (C) who was Britain's last Governor in Rhodesia, said sanctions had never worked. It was not possible to superimpose upon a tribal system and custom the democratic form of Government known in this country.

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council, said universal repugnance had been expressed against a system that denied most basic rights to the majority of its people because of the colour of their skins.

It was always easier to define what they did not want than to decide how to eliminate it. There were deep differences over means. The Government deeply regretted that the hopes the EPG had generated were not fulfilled. Sir Geoffrey Howe faced an extremely difficult task but one for which he was well fitted. They would all wish him well in his endeavours.

Anti-smoking campaign

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Riot police quell rally in Manila

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Riot police in Manila fired into the air and used tear gas and smoke bombs to disperse 5,000 left-wing demonstrators who denounced the Philippines' "sham" independence from the United States 40 years ago. More than 20 people were injured.

The protesters, armed with a rally permit, had marched to the US Embassy chanting "Yankee Go Home". They were dispersed moments after an explosion rang out from behind their ranks.

Small home-made bombs — bottles or containers packed with gunpowder, nails and glass — exploded, leaving at least nine policemen with shrapnel wounds.

It was the first clash between police and left-wing students and workers since President Aquino took power in February.

Most of the protesters were Aquino supporters who recently formed an alliance of 60 organizations to demand that two large American military bases be dismantled.

About 2,000 of the protesters later marched back to the heavily guarded embassy complex, where they were allowed to continue their protest until dusk.

The Japanese election Fringe strives to woo voters

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese voters can choose between the Salaried Workers' Party, the Tax Party or the Welfare Party when they go to the polls for the upper and lower houses of the Diet next weekend.

All parties are offering candidates for the upper house, the House of Councillors, where half of the 252 seats will be contested, 76 from constituencies across the country and 50 on a proportional representation basis. Voting for the lower house, the House of Representatives, also takes place on July 6.

Originally the intent was that the upper, non-executive house, be composed of "learned and experienced persons". In modern elections the parties go for popular screen personalities, actresses or scriptwriters rather than professionals or academics.

The smaller fringe parties were spawned at the last election in 1983, when the proportional representation system was introduced in the upper house. Last time out the "salaried men" got a respectable 1.99 million votes and put two members into the house.

Perhaps the best known is the Niin Club — literally the Second-House-Club — which was previously led by a veteran suffragette, the late Miss Fusae Ichikawa, who topped the national constituency in 1980 with 2.7 million votes.

Poll details

Number of voters: 86,677,716 (2.42 billion in 1985). Total constituencies: House of Councillors: 47 and a single national constituency for proportional representation. House of Representatives: 130. Total seats being contested: House of Councillors: 26 (76 being contested in the constituencies and 50 under proportional representation). Number of candidates: for 512 lower house seats: 837. For 126 upper house seats: 506.

The executive House of Representatives has 512 seats being contested, one more than at the last election since a redistribution of seats to try and even out the disparity of representation between rural and urban areas.

Rural areas, from which the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) draws its principal support, have been over-represented in the Diet since the war, largely because of the shift of population from the country to the cities.

By last September it was calculated that a single rural vote was worth 4.64 urban votes and a re-apportionment of seats was made to counteract this effect when eight rural seats were added and the number of rural seats was reduced by seven to bring a net gain of one.

Three boundary changes were made at the same time. There are normally between three and five seats in each electoral district, the number being adjusted every five years. A record 82 women candidates are running for the upper house, though the number of women candidates running across the country at general elections has tended to decline from the number who contested the first post-war election.

Mrs Kiyoko Ono and Miss Chinatsu Nakayama are the two best-known women candidates for the upper house in Tokyo, where 50 candidates are competing for four seats.

There are 35 women candidates running for the lower house. Of that, no fewer than 22 are from the Communist Party and none from the LDP. In the House of Representatives election, the LDP is running 322 candidates, the Socialist Party 138, the Komito (Clean Government Party) 61, the Democratic Socialist Party 56 and the Communist Party 129.

In the House of Councillors the LDP is running 83 candidates, the Socialist Party 58, Komito 21, the Democratic Socialist Party 27, the Communist Party 71, the Salaried Workers' Party, the New Liberal Club 10, the Tax Party 10, the Niin Club 10 and other minor parties 187.

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Reagan takes salute in day of pageantry for Statue of Liberty

From Michael Binyon, New York

An exuberant President Reagan, flanked by President Mitterrand of France, took the salute yesterday from the stadium where he had electronically unveiled the Statue of Liberty, as the international parade of tall ships majestically sailed up New York harbour.

With cadets ceremoniously manning the yard-arm, 22 magnificent vessels paid their tribute to America's Independence Day to the 151-foot copper-green statue, refurbished at a cost of more than \$265 million (£171 million) for its centenary.

With sails unfurled in the still air, schooners, barques, brigantines and ketches from all over the world, not seen in New York since the 1976 bicentennial celebrations, were the historic focus of the parade which filled the city's huge harbour.

Up to 40,000 vessels of all description, from a two-man

kayak to the USS Kennedy, the colossal aircraft carrier just back with its 5,000-man crew from the confrontation with Libya in the Mediterranean, were choreographed in a day-long televised spectacle of patriotism and pageantry.

Horns blared, bands played, crowds cheered and fire-boats sent their traditional plumes of water high into the sky as the Eagle, the US Coast Guard training ship, originally built in Germany in 1936, led the parade past Governors Island.

President and Mrs Reagan, and President and Mme Mitterrand were among the 4,000 guests, who included Mayor Ed Koch and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, Mr Lee Lococo, chairman of the Statue of Liberty restoration fund, and a generous sprinkling of celebrities and showbiz personalities.

"As the wind swelled their sails, so pride swelled our hearts at all that Liberty's sons

and daughters have accomplished in this land of the free," President Reagan said.

Mr Reagan, enjoying himself hugely amid the celebration of his twin loves, patriotism and the US armed forces, had earlier taken the salute aboard USS Iowa of warships from today's more modern fleets. Sailors doffed their caps and gunfire echoed round the 750-mile coastline of New York harbour as the ships fired their 21-gun salutes.

The Iowa, the most powerful US warship of the Second World War which took Roosevelt to the Tehran conference, did not fire its 16-inch guns for fear of shattering all the windows in Manhattan.

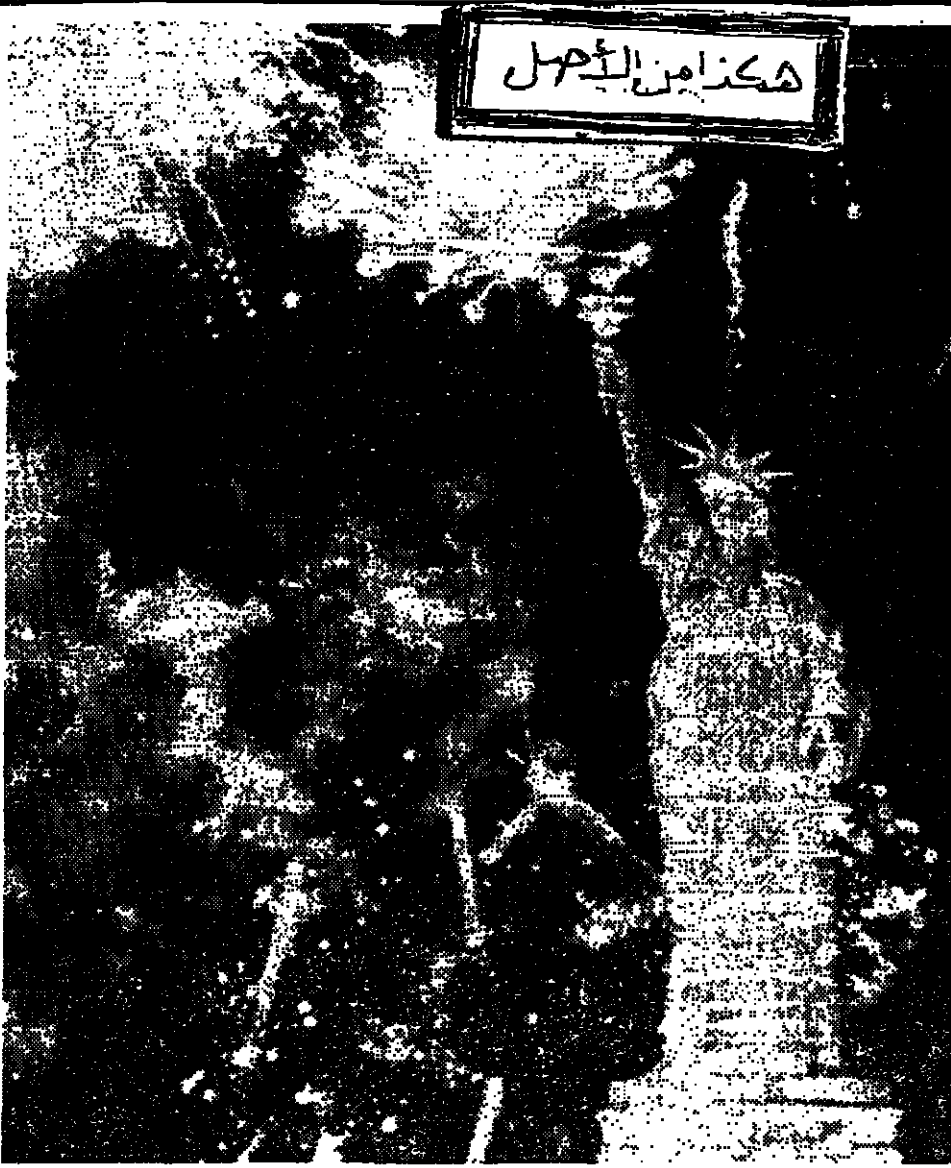
Airforce jets from France and the US flew past overhead, streaming red, white and blue smoke. Harrier jets left the deck of the Ark Royal, moored also in the harbour, to give Britain's salute.

Awed crowds watched on land. Dominating everything, Miss Liberty held her newly kindled torch aloft at the centre of the harbour. Never has an American lady been so honoured. She was unveiled on Thursday evening when President Reagan sent a laser beam a mile across the harbour, turning on coloured lights that gradually bathed Auguste Bartholdi's famous creation in searing light.

Calling it "this mother of exiles, this vision of all we are and wish to be," Mr Reagan paid tribute to America's immigrant forebears, and was warmly effusive on the special relations with France. President Mitterrand spoke of the



Bob Hope receiving a Medal of Liberty award from President and Mrs Reagan at the celebrations.



Fireworks exploding around the Statue of Liberty during the finale of the ceremony.

symbols the two countries shared, "the history we wrote together" and links from the Revolutionary wars to the American landings in Normandy.

He looked on with Gallic impassiveness at the extraordinary Hollywood song and dance spectacle with its eclectic cast of Frank Sinatra, Gregory Peck, Shirley MacLaine and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Across the water on Ellis Island, Robert de Niro and his son introduced Chief Justice Warren Burger, who

arrived in America. The television broadcast, which lasted all day, was one of the most extensive and technically complicated mounted by ABC. It included interviews by Ron Reagan Junior on board a millionaire's yacht, scenes below deck of the sailing ship and aerial views of a sky filled with blimps and helicopters of America's largest metropolitan area celebrating a birthday party that had become a extravaganza of sentimental indulgence.

Earlier this week, the Kuwaiti authorities made a series of arrests in the capital, detentions which reportedly included five members of the al-Dawaa party and two Palestinians said to be supporters of Abu Nidal's Syrian-financed assassination squads.

Sheikh Jaber has also asked Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, the Crown Prince, to form a new Government following the resignation of his own disputation Cabinet.

It was probably only a matter of time before Kuwait lost its little democracy, at least for the time being. Its press has long been one of the freest and most critical in the Arab world and the arrival of government censors in the offices of the daily papers was probably inevitable.

Sheikh Jaber's own peace of mind has evidently been deeply disturbed, evidence of which he said that "democracy is shaking... the situation is critical and terrorism will continue until everyone cooperates against the enemies of the homeland".

By enemies, the Sheikh means Iran, whose members of the al-Dawaa party who, anxious to install a pro-Iranian regime in Baghdad, would dearly like to make an example of Kuwait, so friends of President Saddam could see what fate awaited them.

Emir of Kuwait curtails liberties

From Robert Fisk Beirut

Fearful of further attacks by his domestic enemies, the Emir of Kuwait has effectively stripped his country of the trappings of democracy, dissolving Parliament, suspending important constitutional guarantees and curbing the traditionally free and eloquent national press.

Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, who survived a car bomb assassination attempt last year, has told Kuwaitis that their country is facing "a destructive foreign conspiracy".

In reality, Kuwait is threatened with far more than this. After six years of support for the Iraqi regime of President Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War, Sheikh Jaber now has to contemplate the possibility of more Iranian victories in the conflict, following Iraq's capture of the border town of Mishan this week.

The opposition Iraqi al-Dawaa party, which not only tried to kill the Emir in May 1985, but also bombed the American and French embassies in Kuwait in 1984 and probably started a huge fire at one of the country's main oil refineries last month, has now been further emboldened by Iraq's success.

"The raging war between two of Kuwait's Islamic neighbours has almost reached its borders," Sheikh Jaber said in a decree published on Thursday. "Its security has been exposed to a fierce foreign conspiracy which threatens the wealth of the homeland... the country also faces an acute economic crisis."

Torture victim awarded damages

Harare (Reuters) - A Zimbabwean opposition parliamentarian was awarded 30,000 Zimbabwe dollars (£11,000) in damages yesterday for illegal arrest and torture by security agents.

Mr Kembo Mohadi, a member of the Zapu (PF) party, told the High Court that he was trampled on the stomach and had his head rammed into a canvas bag full of water while in detention from September 17 to December 20 last year.

Judge Mavis Gibson ordered the Home Affairs Minister, Mr Enos Nkala, to pay 15,000 dollars and awarded Mr Mohadi an equal amount from two intelligence agents who assaulted him.

Extremists shot dead

Delhi (Reuters) - Police yesterday intercepted and killed two members of a Sikh extremist gang that ranged through Punjab shooting dead six people and injuring two children, apparently at random, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The shoot-out came during 24 hours of violence in the north Indian state in which 13 people were killed in disturbances sparked by extremists.

Berlin escape story scored

Bonn - The West German Government, after examining the evidence, has decided it does not believe that a bloody escape attempt took place in the East Berlin underground railway on May 7 (Frank Johnson writes).

Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, the minister in charge of the Chancellery in Bonn, yesterday said in a newspaper interview that the report had "presumably" been the work of a "professional disinformation spreader".

Bomb charges

Madrid (Reuters) - A Palestinian and a Spaniard were remanded without bail yesterday by a Madrid court charged with a suitcase bomb attack which injured 13 people last week at Madrid's Barajas airport, court officials said.

Promotion

Peking (Reuters) - The Chinese Army will allow non-commissioned officer ranks for the first time as part of its reform programme, the New China News Agency said yesterday.

Dropped brick

Jakarta (Reuters) - A man in East Java was fined 4,000 bricks for committing adultery with his neighbour's wife, the English-language daily *Jakarta Post* said.

Baby buried

Dhaka (Reuters) - A newborn boy was found alive in the northern Tangail district, 24 hours after being buried to save his unmarried teenage mother from the penalties for illegal sex, Bangladesh police said yesterday.

Misdialled

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) - The Telecommunications Minister, Datuk Leo Moggie, tried to call Malaysia's million telephone subscribers yesterday - and got a wrong number.

Rude priest

Perth (Reuters) - Father Edward Patrick Hewitt, aged 40, a Roman Catholic priest, found guilty of indecent exposure while wearing a tiger-patterned G-string, was put on a six-month good behaviour bond yesterday.

Swansong

Peking (AP) - Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti gave a triumphant final performance at the end of his first tour of China yesterday before 10,000 people at the Great Hall of the People.

Campus theft

Stuttgart (Reuters) - A container of dangerous radioactive material produced for research has been stolen from the physics department of Stuttgart University, West German police said.

Hair raising

Vienna (AP) - Günther Maier's refusal to get a haircut got him out of the Army but into jail. He was convicted of "disobedience" and jailed for two months, the Austria Press Agency reported.

Killer floods

Katmandu (AP) - Flash floods have killed 32 people in a village north-west of Katmandu in the past four days, an official said.

Drug sentence

Haarlem (AP) - A Dutch court has jailed a Singaporean for five years for trying to smuggle more than 87g of heroin into The Netherlands.

Ballot-rigging rulers face challenge

Mexico City

of Chihuahua, has been condemned as a "sinister fraud, a prediction of the control of the state apparatus."

"We are with the people against electoral fraud because we consider it to be a violation of rights, because it is a mockery of the people and because it takes away the legitimacy of the Government."

Church leaders and opposition unions in calling for the removal of human road-blocks all over the state - the aim being to paralyse Chihuahua - said the vote be fixed.

It is feared that post-electoral violence will be a bigger town. Troops are present to help police.

More than a hundred foreign reporters, mostly from Ciudad Juárez, much indignation of PRI officials who see them as an obstacle to the PAN, both in fraud and in providing evidence of massive state elections last year. PRI officials at present will be resorting to methods this time.

The PRI dismisses the charge as a serious rival, saying the party without a plan of government.

The PAN candidate, Governor Senor Francisco "Pancho" Barra, says the plane crash three weeks ago and says the same old provisions which would be his benefit from when he was governor.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Hundred hungry

It is not only Dennis Amis and his Warwickshire supporters who are disappointed by his 5 and 46 in the match against Notts at Trent Bridge...

Horseplay

It used not to be thought nice for women to be competitive. But in America, where everyone is competitive...

Hobbs unhosed

Meanwhile, Anne White, surely the Mrs Stilling of women's tennis, was prevented from wearing another of her eccentric outfits at Wimbledon...

Taking sides

Most people faced with the problem of dividing 16 teams into two groups would, come up with two groups of eight. However, the 16 teams competing for the ICC Trophy...

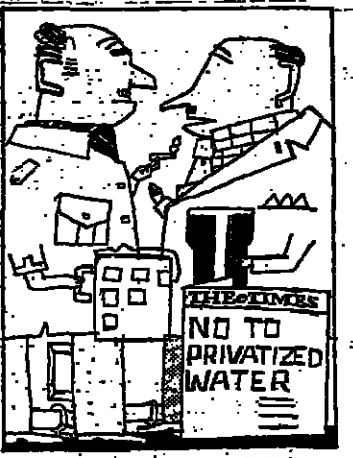
Winning whiff

There's an occasional TV ad showing a jockey going to the start, and then finding Borhamessque space in a cigar. It is Clive Champman, a former National Hunt jockey...

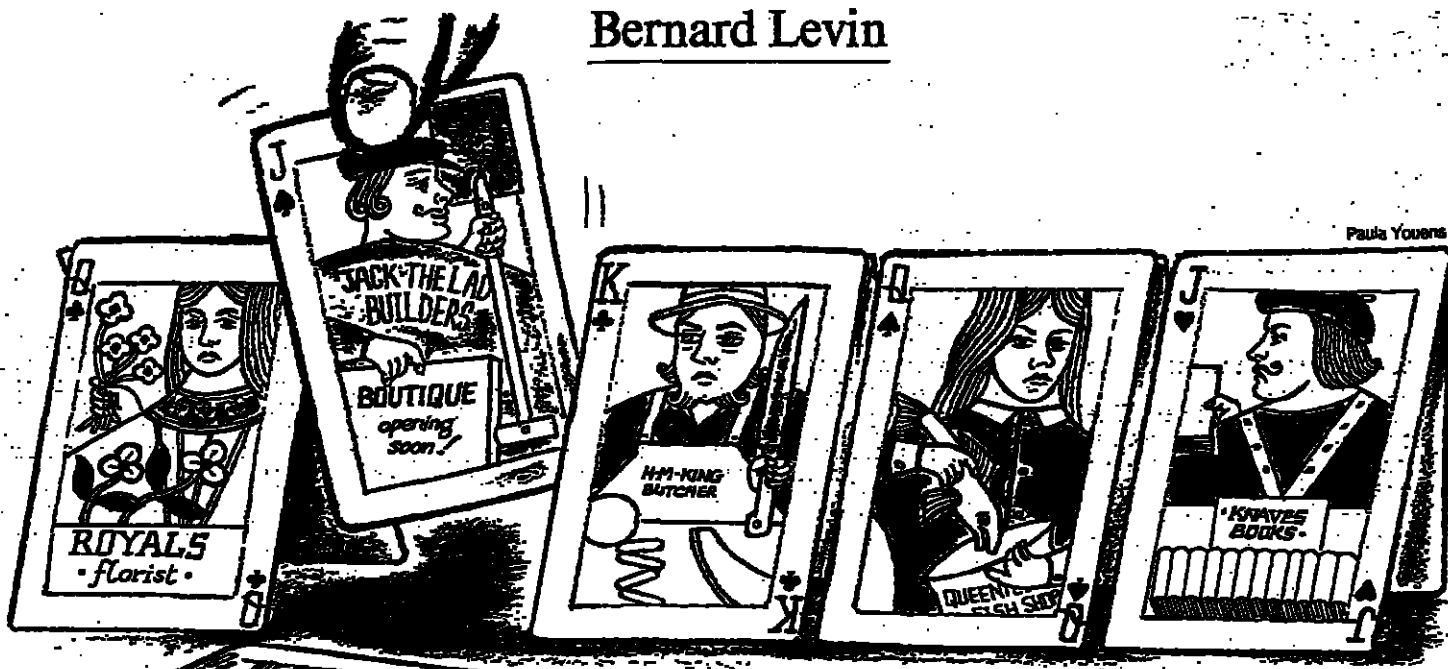
Reticent

Like thieves in the night they came, and like thieves they left. The United States - swimming team tipped into England this week on their way to the Goodwill Games...

BARRY FANTONI



With this dry spell, there's probably more left



Bernard Levin

Come stroll with me along my patch

Marylebone High Street, which has been my village green these many years, and for most of them a definition of unchanging permanence...

This cry of anguish has been wrung from me by the abrupt and unsuspected closure of Morris's, which has long been the best fruiterer and greengrocer in the borough...

That was the second fruit-and-vegetable emporium in the High Street to bite the dust. Russell's, which in excellence was second only to Morris's...

The best - and again, the friendliest - general food store, Leon's, left me some years ago; it was really a miniature supermarket...

Virginia Woolf described her contemporary Gertrude Bell as "a masterful woman who has everything under her thumb, and makes you feel a little inefficient."

Writing in The Sunday Times in 1958, Rebecca West said she was "the incarnation of the emancipated heiress, using the gold given her by the industrial revolution to buy not privilege but the opportunity for noble performance..."

In 1922, as the right arm of Sir Percy Cox, Britain's High Commissioner in the newly mandated Iraq, she drew the frontiers of Transjordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Yemen and adjacent territories...

As Oriental Secretary in the British administration, her task was to reconcile the contradictory promises that had been made in the heat of war...

Known to the Arabs as Al Khatun, "The Lady", from her pre-war travels in the desert lands, she was until her death and for a decade or more after the most famous and respected of all the Britons who had devoted themselves to the exploration and politics of the East...

of having assistants to pack the customers' goods as a checkout girl rings them up, lest it should give the customers the quaint idea that their convenience should be considered by the shop they are favouring with their custom...

There are now four chemists; don't ask me how they all make a living. Experts among my readers will realize from that item that I am including Thayer Street, and so I am, for I have never regarded it as anything but an extension of the High Street itself...

We used to have a good butcher, in Druce's, but it was killed almost instantly when the best butchery-fishmonger in London arrived, and set up exactly opposite...



Kings were her friends, T.E. Lawrence was her beloved boy, Gertrude Bell, for whom history was a romantic legend, drew the frontiers of much of today's Middle East...

known books, The Desert and the Sown and Amurath to Amurath, had long since commended her to the knowledgeable. Her letters, published posthumously by her mother, were best sellers on both sides of the Atlantic in the 1930s...

round the corner, mind you. (Round another corner is the best picture framer in Europe, the Railings Gallery.) We used to have a very good cobbler right in the middle of the High Street...

There are also boutiques. When I embarked on this exercise in nostalgia, I paused to go and count them. If you don't know the place, you will hardly believe it, but there are 19 women's clothes shops...

Best last, The Casson Gallery sells the work of British craftsmen, in metal, precious and otherwise; in wood; in pottery; in glass; in stone...

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of Arabia and its people was her observation, a quality doubtless borne in mind by her lifelong friend, David Hogarth, when he called her to serve in the Arab Bureau in Cairo during the first year of the 1914-18 war...

Her descriptions of Arab chiefs and the events of the tribal territories are unsurpassed. Of King Abdal Aziz ibn Abdurrahman - or Ibn Saud as he preferred to be called - founder of modern Saudi Arabia...

It has been said that her pen was dangerously alluring, particularly in terms of official report writing, a quality which perhaps owed something to her flirtation with journalism in the first decade of the century...

Another lifelong friend and confidant. Her intelligence reports were much appreciated by secretaries of state at the India, Foreign and Colonial Offices...

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Caroline Moore

Yearnings that can only divide

The Movement for the Ordination of Women is not as unpleasant as its opponents make out. Only the staid minority disrupts church services...

If the majority in the movement used tactics of bludgeoning and blackmail the opposition would have a case. Behind this guerrilla vanguard, however, there is a non-monstrous regiment of women whose chief weapons are prayer and what they call "silent witness"...

No one should doubt the faith, sincerity and patience of this silent majority - compelled to silence, for the Church has no authorized form of language in which to pray for the alteration of its forms of authority...

Vocation has been described by a woman as an "ache" to be a priest; less movingly, many rely upon mere assertion that they "feel" or "know" that they are the instruments to implement God's will...

In its belief that it has the power to see beyond and do away with existing forms as unnecessary and restrictive, the movement is allied to those enthusiastic sects of second-century Phrygia or 17th-century England. The central issue, then as now, is that of authority...

It is not sufficient for the Tories to remind us of their achievements, important though these are. Nor are warnings of the havoc if they were undone. There must be something more.

The National Health Service is in a rut. That is why those who answer opinion poll questions say they would be willing to pay higher taxes to improve it and the social services, even though they may not really mean it...

There is general unease over education. The school population goes down, but so do educational standards. There is plenty of money for education; it is not organized efficiently...

But the gap between private and public education would remain. The Tories believe in the efficiency of the market place. Why don't they try it in education and give parents a real choice, perhaps by putting into effect its voucher plan?

ered to be a work of divine revelation, applying unequivocally to all ages. It was subject to different interpretations...

In practice, every Christian disregards or takes metaphorically certain precepts and examples, and believes in certain doctrines, such as the Trinity, for which Scriptural evidence is slight. The Protestant, in fact, believes that the authority of Scriptural precept and example established the tradition of the Church...

The non-believer will see only the self-perpetuating circularity of this. The progressive will see only its apparent resistance to change, and its apparent denial either of the needs of the private individual (which are labelled enthusiasm) or of the needs of the present (which are labelled secularism)...

It is strange, in an age that is so ready to admit the need for a sense of community and "communal roots" to give relevance and meaning to ordinary lives, that so many should be ready to disregard the notion of the communal Body of the whole "Catholic and Apostolic" Church...

Even those who cannot believe that the well-rehearsed Catholic arguments against the admission of women are any more than a dead letter should not disregard the force of the argument that to ordain women would, as things now stand, divide us yet further from the rest of Christendom...

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Above all the strategy group should inject the spring of youth into the Tory step. Just more of the same will make it look old and tired. But the same with lots of fresh and stimulating additions could be effective. Members of the group should test their ideas on the non-political young of their acquaintance before publishing them...

Woodrow Wyatt

A blueprint to beat boredom

Governments have little time to think. Ministers' immediate problems fill the waking hours, driving out reflection or chats with one another about the future. Presumably the Tories' new strategy group of senior ministers is intended to cure this occupational deficiency...

A dangerous enemy of this government is public boredom. It will have been in office eight or perhaps nine years by the next election. Millions of new voters will have spent their formative years of awareness of the world under its aegis...

It is not sufficient for the Tories to remind us of their achievements, important though these are. Nor are warnings of the havoc if they were undone. There must be something more.

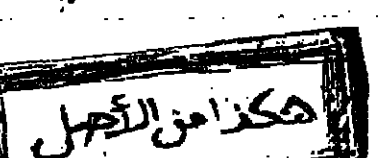
The National Health Service is in a rut. That is why those who answer opinion poll questions say they would be willing to pay higher taxes to improve it and the social services, even though they may not really mean it. But more money spent on the NHS tends to go on paying more to swollen staffs without much improving services to the patients...

look at every field where the government is dominant and shake off the closed thinking on the welfare state of the last 40 years. It should ask itself: supposing all the main services now provided by the taxpayer were to be started from scratch - how would we run them?

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That cannot be relied on entirely. As the election approaches, Neil Kinnock, still burdened by Militants and obsessed by scrapping our nuclear deterrent, driving out the Americans, will seem less attractive. But David Owen is a different proposition. If it were thought that his views would dominate the Alliance and he would be its leader in the next parliament (but will he be?), there could be a move towards giving him enough seats to compel a coalition with the Tories (a coalition which the Tory strategy group should test their ideas on the non-political young of their acquaintance before publishing them)...





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

JULY 5 1924

Did George Mallory and Andrew Irvine reach the summit of Everest in 1924? Over 60 years later the question is still raised, still remains unanswered, and indeed, is probably unanswerable. Noel Odell, the expedition's geologist, relates the dramatic story of the last night of the two men. Space does not permit the account of his tremendous feat, during which for two hours he searched for his companions, and in which, without oxygen, he climbed to 27,500 ft. Professor Odell, now in his 86th year, lives in Cambridge.

EVEREST 1924

THE LAST CLIMB

MR. ODELL'S STORY Mr. Odell's story of the final attempt on Everest - and victory? - is as follows: On June 8, following an early breakfast of fried tomatoes, joyfully acclaimed and moderately partaken of, Mallory and Irvine left the North Col Camp for Camp V (25,000ft.), accompanied by five porters, with provisions and a reserve oxygen cylinder. Using oxygen, they had already ascended from Camp III, 2,000ft. below, in 2 1/2 hours. They were highly pleased with their performance, which seemed to augur well for the final attempt on the mountain. The next day they ascended to Camp VI (27,000ft.), which had been established by Norton and Somervell in a record climb three days previously. The same day I ascended to the supporting Camp No. V.

At 12.50, just after I had arranged for a state of position on Everest, there was a sudden clearing of the atmosphere, and the entire summit, ridge, and final peak of Everest were unveiled. My eyes became fixed on one tiny black spot silhouetted on a small snowcrest beneath a rock-step in the ridge, and the black spot moved. Another black spot became apparent and moved up the snow to join the other on the crest. The first then approached the great rock-step and shortly engaged at the top the second in a tremendous struggle. The whole penetrating vision vanished, enveloped in cloud once more.

There was but one explanation. It was Mallory and his companion moving, as I could see even at that great distance, with considerable alacrity, realizing, doubtless that they had done too many hours of daylight to reach the summit from their present position and return to Camp VI at nightfall. The place on the ridge mentioned in a previous report was at a very short distance from the base of the final pyramid, and it was remarkable that they were so late in reaching this place. According to Mallory's schedule they should have reached it several hours earlier if they had started from the high camp as anticipated. That they had encountered bad conditions and snow-covered rocks and other obstacles was likely. However, in my opinion, from the position in which they were seen, they should have reached the summit at 4 p.m. at latest, unless some unforeseen, and particularly difficult obstacle presented itself on the final pyramid. This seemed to be very unlikely, for we had scrutinized the last slopes with telescopes and binoculars and had seen that technically the climbing was easy. Perhaps the two most likely explanations of their failure to return were a fall or inability to reach camp before darkness set in. I rather incline to the latter view, and consider it very probable that they sheltered in some rock recess and fell asleep, and a peaceful death, followed, due to the excessive cold at those altitudes.

Has Everest been climbed? Colonel Norton has referred to this question. It will ever be a mystery. Considering all the circumstances and the position they had reached on the mountain, I personally am of opinion that Mallory and Irvine must have reached the summit.

Open to view

From Mr Roger Musgrave Sir, The keeper of a souvenir she in Pisa was even more acute than the continental boatman, we could see Mr George Ball-Englishness "written all over him" (July 2). Wearing an Italian suit and sunglasses, a Swiss shirt, French tie and tanned front the Versilia, sun, I pushed through the cosmopolitan crowd and, without saying a word, presented my choice of postcards. Instantly he responded: "S hundred lire, please." Yours very truly, ROGER MUSGRAVE, 208 Somerset Road, SW19, July 2.

Disputed risk of passive smoking

From Professor Robin Weiss and Professor Julian Peto Sir, Your account (June 25) of a then unpublished study on the risk of lung cancer in the non-smoking spouses of smokers reported Sir Richard Doll's observation that passive smoking probably does cause lung cancer and asserted that "his verdict contradicts the conclusions of the latest research on the risks of passive smoking." In point of fact, Sir Richard went on to say that the increase in lung cancer risk caused by passive smoking is probably between 10 per cent and 30 per cent. The study to which you refer suggested an 11 per cent increase in risk; and in the analysis restricted to lung cancer patients whose spouses were also interviewed, which may be more reliable, the estimated increase was 33 per cent. Far from contradicting Sir Richard Doll's conclusions, this study thus tends to confirm them.

Your report also says that on the basis of these results "the Institute of Cancer Research has concluded that inhaling other people's smoke carries no significant increase in risk of lung cancer." This research on the effects of passive smoking, which began in 1977, was conducted in collaboration with the Institute of Cancer Research but funded by the Tobacco Advisory Council, under an arrangement which included adequate safeguards of scientific impartiality.

Estimates of such relatively low risks are always uncertain, but both epidemiological research and measurements of the amount of smoke inhaled suggest that the risk to non-smokers of developing lung cancer as a result of living or working with smokers may be of the order of one in 1,000. This is about 100 times less than the risk to smokers, but it is probably 100 times greater than the risk caused by asbestos in contaminated schools and homes, and non-smokers are certainly entitled to ask that it be taken into account in considering further restrictions on smoking in public places.

Some readers may not be aware of the technical meaning of "not significant". It need not imply that an effect is negligible, as in normal usage, but that a particular survey included too few subjects to demonstrate an effect conclusively. Yours faithfully, ROBIN WEISS, Director, JULIAN PETO, Institute of Cancer Research, Chester Beatty Laboratories, Fulham Road, SW3, June 27.

Collecting VAT

From the Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise Sir, Richard Platten suggests (July 1) that in future businesses will have less time in which to submit their VAT returns than they do now. This is not so. The due date for submission of returns remains one month after the end of the accounting period concerned and this will not be altered when the default surcharge on persistently late payments comes into operation. Moreover, the law specifically relates the "due date" to the date of receipt of the return by the Department, which will be recorded. The input of information to our computer is quite irrelevant.

Nor is it correct to say that a taxpayer will not know if his returns are received late. If it happens twice in any 12-month period, he will have clear warning that a further default could lead to surcharge. If postal delays are of a kind which could not reasonably have been allowed for, the default provides that the resultant default does not count for surcharge purposes.

Mr Platten also refers to problems with the timely receipt of suppliers' invoices. He may like to know that the recent White Paper, Building businesses... not barriers, included a proposed review "cash accounting" where VAT would be claimed and paid on a cash basis, rather than on the basis of invoices to be completed by mid-1987. Yours faithfully, A.M. FRASER, Chairman, The Board of HM Customs and Excise, King's Beam House, Mark Lane, EC3, July 1.

Samuel Palmer echo

From Mr Raymond Lister Sir, May I comment on two points raised by the President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-colours in his letter published today (June 28). He states that Palmer's political pamphlet is "now lost". In fact a copy was recently discovered by Mr Michael Collinge in the Maidstone Public Record Office. It is reprinted in full, with a commentary by Mr David Bindman, in *Bibke, an Illustrated Quarterly*, Fall, 1985.

He states also that Palmer returned to London because of contemporary agricultural unrest. Whilst this may have been a factor in making up his mind to leave Shoreham, the main reason was his engagement to John Linnell's daughter, Hannah. His income was inadequate to support a wife, and it was only by returning to London that he could hope to increase this, by finding an adequate market for sales of his work and by building up a practice as an art teacher. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND LISTER, Windmill House, Linton, Cambridge, June 28.

Manners, materials and memorials

From the Secretary of the Council for the Care of Churches Sir, Bernard Levin's article (June 7) and the correspondence in your columns about memorials in churchyards (June 26, July 1, 3) could not be more timely or more important. One could argue that, in contemporary England, we get the memorials we deserve; and it certainly is unrealistic to expect, without education and effort, a higher standard of design in the churchyard and the cemetery than in other aspects of life.

In particular, it is idle to blame the "regulations". So far as consecrated Anglican churchyards are concerned, the ultimate arbiter as to what is or is not allowable belongs to the diocesan chancellor, advised by his diocesan advisory committee for the care of churchyards. The "regulations", for which "guidelines" would be a better word, indicate what an incumbent may allow at his own discretion without recourse to the chancellor and it is inadvisable for him to go beyond these limits.

It is often forgotten by those who seek to erect memorials (and I have been in this position myself) that while it may be for them a private act, carried out at a particularly vulnerable moment, it is carried out in a prominently public place and it is only reasonable that a churchyard memorial should seek to respect the *genius loci*. This means congruent materials (and where in England is polished granite a congruent material?), good design and fine craftsmanship.

England is teeming with artistic talent and, in particular, with good letter cutters and well trained sculptors. It is a tragedy that incumbents and others do not take

Cricket decline

From Dr H. C. Tomlinson Sir, Perhaps schools cricket is in greater danger than even Messrs Green (June 24) and Kirch (June 28) realise.

Proposals for altering present term dates for senior schools in the independent sector have just been drafted to allow for the rescheduling of GCSE and A-level examinations in 1988, when there will be a common timetable for all exam boards and June will become the exam month.

This will inevitably result in a reduction in both the number of schools fixtures played in that month (about half of this school's external matches, for example, occur in June) and the number of boys free for inter-schools cricket. The time available for internal cricket practices, moreover, will also inevitably be curtailed. Further, the restructuring of the summer term, which from 1988 will begin in mid (rather than late) April and end in late June (rather than mid-July), and the increased likelihood of A-level candidates leaving school early, immediately their exams have finished, will mean that July will be lost for schools cricket. That will leave less than six weeks in April and May, and, if recent summers are anything to go by, in practice about 10 fine days for cricket in those weeks.

May I make a plea for schools cricket to be played in September and early October? Yours faithfully, HOWARD TOMLINSON, Upton, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

S Africa crisis

From Mr J. M. Bruce Lockhart Sir, In all the current talk about South Africa there are some important factors that are hardly ever mentioned, perhaps because they are uncomfortable. Here are five of them: 1. The record of most independent black governments in Africa is one of corruption, inefficiency and violence. Not a single democracy has survived. Is there any reason to think a black South African government would be any different? 2. No Commonwealth country would lift a finger to help Britain if it were not in its own interests. Britain should similarly ignore any political pressure from the Commonwealth. Should this result in the break-up of the Commonwealth, no one should weep. It might well lead to a healthier relationship between Britain and the individual members of the Commonwealth. This is central to the debate on sanctions on South Africa. It is rarely debated.

The brain drain

From Mr A.M. Davies Sir, According to your correspondent, Professor James Manor (June 21), with his exciting stories of brilliant scholars poached by American administrators, "the British Government must increase its support of the universities". That, Sir, is not what is required. What is required is that British universities should regain their independence and self-respect.

There are many ways in which universities could do much more to help themselves: by raising funds from former members, from charities and from business; by encouraging employers to sponsor students; and by gradually moving towards charging more or less economic fees for most students.

With increased wealth universities would be able to offer scholarships to a certain number of students, while others would be able to look for support not only to central and local government (which would doubtless be willing to continue some funding at a modest level) but also to parents, potential employers and the banks.

Judges and politics

From Mr John Kentleton Sir, Norman Podhoretz's distinction between judicial activism (or judicial usurpation when he particularly dislikes it) and judicial respect for the Constitution under the perjorative heading "When judges seize the law" (July 1) begs the question: namely, should the Supreme Court interpret the letter of the spirit of the Constitution? And since it cannot interpret in a vacuum, it must have regard for time, place and, indeed, occasion.

The assumption that the Constitution has an inviolate and literal integrity was surely laid to rest, if it was ever believed, by Justice John Marshall Harlan's candid admission that "if we don't like an act of Congress we don't have much trouble to find grounds for declaring it unconstitutional."

Antonin Scalia's nomination is to be welcomed inasmuch as it reflects a period when conservatism is in the ascendant, as previous appointments reflected other viewpoints. The mixture of talents, ideologies and generations provides that creative tension which ensures that the court will be what it has always been, a varied collection of political judges. Yours faithfully, JOHN KENTLETON, The University of Liverpool, Department of History, 8 Abercromby Square, PO Box 147, Liverpool.

COLD WET FEET?

Water privatization was on in March. It was forcefully promised in April. Mr Watts of Thames Water, was rarely away from the news in May. Come June the bill embodying the privatization plan was confidently predicted for the autumn. As recently as last week, Ministers were on their feet in the Commons re-stating the timetable.

On Thursday afternoon - not exactly a publicist's procedure - there was a written answer. All the briefing, all the statements, all the ministerial confidence were blown. No explanation was given.

Hours later Mr Nicholas Ridley was dragged to the House of Commons by Opposition pressure. There, with an aristocratic hauteur that might have served in another age but today appears petulant, Mr Ridley did nothing to answer the string of questions his announcement gave rise to. These were questions, no less about the future of water supply than about the commitment of the Government to its chosen programme and - dark thought - its day-to-day competence.

The water announcement was, at best, inept. At worst it was another unwelcome demonstration of the hermetic nature of Cabinet discussions under Mrs Thatcher. Cabinet, apparently, disposes of the water issue on Thursday morning. Who then has the political nous to wonder how the announcement is to be made, so as to reassure tap-turners as well as back-benchers? There seems to be at the very heart of the Cabinet an incapacity to make allowances for public mood.

It could be that water privatization has been postponed for the inglorious but

perfectly legitimate reason that the Prime Minister waits a clear field for an early general election. As a result she wants neither a heavy and important bill mid-way through its passage at the moment an election is to be called, nor damaging party bickering over an issue that is neither urgent nor popular with a large number of voters. So be it.

A cleverer government might have made a virtue of expedience. It might planted the idea that the beaches of Blackpool were a prime concern and that because the government cares deeply for the people's bathing rights, more time needs to be addressed to the delicate question of who controls effluent disposal. By such means the government could have at the least have levered the news of postponement more gently into the public arena.

Of course Blackpool beaches do matter, as does the quality of English and Welsh drinking water (Scottish water is to remain public) when its supply is made a matter of private profit. The way in which environmental protection has been treated in the privatization plan would have demanded the most careful legislative inspection when the bill came to Parliament.

Postponement of privatization must be welcomed to the extent that fresh thought will be given to divorcing the function of water supply and effluent removal from the prosecutorial responsibilities now exercised by the water authorities in safeguarding the environment. The idea that a private firm can or should be entrusted with legal powers of enforcement over other firms has, always been one of the

most suspect elements in the water package.

But none of this is new. The complexities of water regulation and asset title have been apparent for a long time. The Trustee Savings Bank saga should surely have alerted one and all to the vigilance of the courts. They, not unreasonably, dislike anticipation by public bodies of statutory change. Mr Baker must have told his colleagues of potential problems before he was allowed so blithely to commit the government to a legislative timetable.

To lose the timetable for the privatization of British Airways (another announcement by Mr Ridley) was misfortune. To shelve the sale of British Leyland was misjudgement. Now water is added to the list of promised privatizations that will not occur in the immediate political future. It starts to look not just that the sale of these assets has been bungled, but that the government, having first over-sold the whole enterprise, gets cold feet as soon as difficulties arise.

Perhaps on water the Government has allowed itself to be bounced by the loquacious Mr Watts, whose original motive was the perfectly proper one of resenting the fiscal regime imposed on his managers by the Treasury. Mr Watts might now politely - he is after all a public servant - be asked to maintain a period of silence. Meanwhile, questions of water management and investment will not go away. Mr Ridley should be put on his guard that important decisions, with long term consequences, should not be deferred because of uncertainty about water's future which he has had a hand in creating.

THE PAST BEHIND US

The calm, bordering on lack of interest, which has greeted the first state visit to Britain by a post-war German President, is perhaps the highest compliment that can be paid to the current climate of Anglo-German relations. It symbolizes that the friction and outright hostility which have bedevilled relations between our two countries for much of the past century have been laid to rest; dare one hope, for good.

It was entirely appropriate that the reconciliation should have been sealed by Richard von Weizsacker. When mayor of West Berlin, he distinguished himself as a custodian of the delicate balance between the interests of the Federal Republic of Europe and of the West as a whole - in effect of post-war realities. Moreover, at 66, President von Weizsacker represents a middle generation of Germans: those who were not implicated in the rise of Nazism and the origins of the war, but were nonetheless scarred by it.

This is why the references to Germany's past in President von Weizsacker's address to Parliament this week were so well-chosen. Here was a conclusive demonstration - not the first, but surely the most gracious and dignified -

that the experience of Nazism and the war had been absorbed and so purged by today's West Germans.

That the West German President could accept responsibility in the name of his nation for some of the most terrible chapters of recent history and that he chose to speak of it as a lesson for the future rather than pass over it in silence deserves respect. That acceptance is the only realistic foundation for the Anglo-German relationship.

Today, our two countries have as much in common as they have ever had. We both have elected governments of a Conservative complexion, a commitment to Europe and to a close strategic relationship with the United States. We are in many respects natural partners, not least within Europe.

Here, the expansion of the Community means that Britain and Germany will increasingly find themselves representing the concerns of the north European industrialized countries against those of the agricultural south. In particular, we have a mutual interest in ensuring that the already overgenerous subsidies under the Common Agriculture Policy are not underwritten indefinitely.

FOURTH LEADER

Strange news from Thailand; an iron ore refinery has been burned down, nem. con. by an immense throng of demonstrators. In itself, that is hardly surprising. Foreigners burn down all sorts of things these days, and count not the cost of matches. It was the reason given by the Thai crowd for the rather exceptional warmth of their feelings that, in Bertie Wooster's words, made the old head swim a bit. They said that the presence of the refinery would be bad for the tourist trade.

Now if there is one thing that we thought we had finally got straight, it is that the peoples of Africa and the East, of South America and the remoter parts of Scandinavia, resent our brass presence. They are supposed to be indignant at the thought of their way of life being buried beneath an avalanche of Entertoviform and Diners Club cards, and no less unhappy at the need to remember whether it is the Americans who like iced water and the British warm beer, or the other way round. (It is not the other way round.)

Yet it seems that, so far from resenting the visitors, the visited are delighted to welcome them so delighted, in fact, that an of-the-mere suspicion that an iron ore refinery might not

have the cameras clicking, the offending plant is put to the torch.

Whatever next? Obviously, such vigorous measures are not for us. But there are plenty of other ways in which we can demonstrate our own eagerness to please the tourists, if only by living up to their expectations. A few suggestions may be in order.

A competition to design a British national dress (smocks, perhaps accompanied by clay pipes) might be followed, by legislation making the wearing of it compulsory. Instead of most of our trains being late, we could ensure that they all were better still, let them be replaced by a network of stage coaches. (And talking of stages, it is well known that from some spots the National Theatre obstructs the view of Big Ben. Is there a use for recycled concrete?)

Aberdeen is a problem; tourists in Scotland expect to find the natives tucking in to steaming plates of their traditional sporan, with their equally traditional weapon, the baggis sticking out of their socks; the oil installations are incompatible with this picture, and will have to go. So will Heathrow, fourth terminal and all. The noise of the planes makes it impossible for visitors to be heard asking for directions to Windsor Castle.

Because of their relative wealth within the EEC, Britain and the Federal Republic working in concert also have a potentially strong voice within the Community. It has been a leitmotif of President von Weizsacker's statements this week that this voice should be used to strengthen the position of Europe in its relationship with the United States, and raise the profile of Europe in the world.

This reflects the ideal that the North Atlantic alliance works best when the American and European pillars bear an equal weight of the responsibility. But it also conceals within itself the distant hope of Germans (not only in the West) that the two Germanies might one day be united within the context of a strong and united Europe.

This is an essentially German preoccupation which should not be allowed to detract from the priority of strengthening the integrity of Europe and maintaining the primacy of the Atlantic alliance. It is to President von Weizsacker's credit and to the credit of the Anglo-German relationship that such concerns did not obtrude into this week's state visit.

Next, a site for the National Maypole must be found. Oxford Circus will do nicely, once the shops have been cleared out of the way. And the demolition will have to go much further up the street. It is all very well telling tourists at Marble Arch that this is where Tyburn stood, but what they want to see is a row of gibbets, preferably occupied.

Then again, what is the point of having a Prime Minister called Thatcher if all the roofs are covered with slate? A coating of fuzz would do wonders for the slag heaps of the north, to say nothing of the Free Trade Hall in Manchester. And a crash programme to equip and train a hundred thousand extra Beefeaters and the same number of Chelsea Pensioners would brighten up our streets no end.

Thailand has shown the way; the tourists' word is law. We must not burn down refineries, but if our visitors want to see picturesque football hooligans being sick on the pavement, it must be arranged, and if Cowley detracts from the beauty of Oxford's dreaming spires, it must be removed (or vice-versa, of course). We've even had a slogan for the new dispensation: "A milk maid on every corner, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken in every pot."

THE ARTS

Television

"Touch confirms the reality of our world", intoned Denis Quilley with resonant seriousness during the narration of *The Healing Arts* (BBC2). Last night's documentary, the first of nine, gave us healing hands: pressing, stroking, massaging, poking, yanking or pummeling or just laying on a body to make the hurt go away.

No doubt such practices have done much good to many. Certainly, they have done much less harm than some of the more inopportune interventions of established medicine. Unfortunately, the programme only confirmed the view that, whatever those with the healing touch come to grips with, it is not always the reality of our world.

The limits of television were partly to blame. What flickers across the small screen passes muster for reality for most of us, except of course when we want to smell the world or touch it. The conventional medical mits of *Your Life in Their Hands* can be seen to be doing some good as they stilt open their patients. All you saw with last night's hands was a lot of pressing, stroking and so on, which at best is comical or titillating, and at worst, boring. There was little enough titillation provided by last night's pliant flesh but some comedy, particularly when the portly figure of the famed Irish farmer bonesetter, Danny O'Neill, was seen struggling to put his patients back into shape.

Deprived of the means to make us feel the benefits of their art, the healers were forced to describe them. They found manipulating words, however, more difficult than bodies. There was much babble about energy fields and eco systems which the commentary failed to unravel. Even the massaging gentlemen's barber sounded like a Californian guru. A crucial oesophageal, not content with a colleague's explanation about their hands and the patient's bodies "just getting on with it", launched into a mind-bending analysis. A faith healer, however, was more modest: "It's ever so difficult to explain what happens." Unlike another magical layer on of hands, Diego Maradona, didn't he even talk of a divine touch helping him to achieve his goal.

Andrew Hislop



Master and mistress of farce: Gabriella Drake and Michael Dennison

Rock

Snappy girls dressed to kill

The Bangles
Town & Country
Club

The Bangles' first hit single was topping the charts before most people had time to realize that they are four attractive girls whose willingness to dress up and pose for the camera makes them ideal dream-fodder for the Madonna generation — an audience more interested in where its pop stars shop for clothes than in their views on American foreign policy.

So irresistible that it would have been a hit in the hands of four singing Cabinet ministers, "Manic Monday" was followed by *Different Light*, an album crammed with jangling guitars, snappy tunes and delicious California voices, bringing modern production techniques to bear on structures and textures echoing

back to the Byrds, the Beatles and — in the wide, sunny harmonies — the Mamas and the Pappas.

After watching their performance in Kentish Town on Thursday night, though, it seemed pertinent to wonder how much of the Bangles' success is due to the shrewdness of their record producer, David Kahne. Their heavy-handed and literal-minded performance, strong on the kind of head-tossing poses long favoured by the duller sort of male rock musician, hardly confirmed the qualities of sensitivity and imagination shown in the original selection and arrangement of such fine songs as "Manic Monday" (written by Prince, Kimberley Rew's thoughtful "Goin' Down to Liverpool", Jules Shear's poignant "If She Knew What She Wants" and Liam Sternberg's wacky "Walk Like an Egyptian".

Susanna Hoff, whose dark

eyes, dangerous pout and fancifully sexy costumes match her sultry voice in the kind of formula that once made Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks so potent, is an equally obvious candidate for a successful solo career one day. On this occasion I preferred Michael Steele's less coquettish delivery of Alex Chilton's "September Gurls", and the wistful enthusiasm of the sisters Vicki and Debbi Peterson, lead guitarist and drummer respectively, drove the group's exuberantly noisy version of Arthur Lee's "7 and 7 Is".

Richard Williams

Court in the Act
Royal Interchange
Manchester

From Pinero to Brighouse, the Royal Exchange Company have made several successful gambles on long-forgotten farces, and in this — their second — on the Parisian duo of Hennequin and Veber — they have again struck lucky.

The authors, contemporaries and some time collaborators with Feydeau, have all the classic Right Bank equipment: absolute confidence in social stereotypes, and the ability to extract endless running gags from the minimum of material, like streamers pouring from a conjuror's sleeve. They also have the nerve to bend some boulevard rules without any loss in comic energy.

As thumped home in Braham Murray and Robert Cogo-Franc's title, *Court in the Act* (Alias La Presidente) unveils hypocrisy in the legal profession: employing the well-worn device of a lasciviously available operetta star who camps out in the house of a provincial magistrate, Tricointe, and proceeds to ensnare every member of the bench who crosses her path.

I'm Not
Rappaport
Apollo

Big cities exacerbate the everyday tribulations of the aged: the pace and noise and violence of other people's lives remind them all too nearly that they are approaching the end of their own.

In self-defence they make for the open spaces where, inevitably, they fall in with other displaced persons of a similar age and, inadvertently, provide material for the park bench school of playwrighting.

The American dramatist Herb Gardner has set his folksy urban comedy in New York's Central Park. The two old codgers whose discourse we are invited to witness are Nat (Farz Scofield, disguised by a beard, a goatee and wire-frame spectacles and equipped with a walking stick) and Midge (Howard Rollins, in

Theatre

Fine gaggle of gags

It goes without saying that each of these pillars of the community is quaking in their elasticated boots at the danger of professional ruin: and that the Minister of Justice, who arrives in the course of pursuing a moral purge of the magistrature, is the first to be gobbled up by La Gobette.

To the farce's natural elements, the authors craftily add some artificial extras — notably burdening Tricointe with a daughter who only speaks English, and an ex-housemaid wife with an obsession for brass polishing. In due course, these seeds sprout on the grand scale: turning brass polishing into a refined sexual perversion, and stranding the daughter and her lover between a beefy bilingual cop who throws himself into the task of translating the protest of an outraged virgin.

True to the Paris style, the comedy nowhere depends on embarrassment. There is panic, frustration, and apoplectic chagrin. But anyone who finds himself in a compromising position is a cue for him to attack. Gobette and Tricointe may be caught in the bedroom by the minister, but instead of cowering in cupboards (the British tactic) Gobette sails on in the role of the wife and proceeds to play the high

bourgeois-horess far more effectively than the legitimate brass-polishing absentee.

A modern writer might have treated this as a superb pretext for class revenge. That does not happen here. Gobette acts her part while knowing her place: but, unlike the run of farcical temptresses, she also consummates her attachments, thus forcing the plot of the dreary impasse of sexual taboo.

Opening in a brass-crammed living room and ending in a white art nouveau hotel, Stephen Doncaster's design at once reflects the play's comic excess and its thoroughbred precision. For most of the way Mr Murray's production likewise combines attack and poise. Michael Denison's Tricointe is too ready to play the victim: this stern moral guardian should not so obviously start out on the receiving end. Otherwise, Lee Montague, as the minister, runs a fine gamut from oily high status rhetoric to means of inarticulate derangement; and Gabrielle Drake's Gobette is a commanding odalisque, voluptuous as a canned apricot, and never more armoured than when stripped down to her corset.

Irving Wardle

Accordingly, he is willing to use his theatrical talents in the service of others. When the jogging yuppie who is head of the tenants' committee in Midge's block arrives to spell out the janitor's forthcoming enforced retirement, Nat poses as the latter's lawyer and threatens the former with the full panoply of unionized wrath.

Against the menace of a knife-wielding young thug whose business it is to walk old people home in return for a consideration, he has, however, no answer.

Daniel Sullivan's production elicits a finely honed double-act from the two principals, with Mr Scofield's tremulous slyness well complemented by Mr Rollins's bridling dignity. But the minor characters have been bought in from stock and one can see most of the jokes coming a furlong off.

Martin Cropper

Dance
Sensitive
conceptGiselle
Coliseum

Why is it, I ask myself, that I enjoyed the performance of *Giselle* by Dance Theatre of Harlem last night better than any of those I have seen from the Royal Ballet this season?

The explanation lies not only in the added interest in the Harlem production in its transporting the ballet's action to a new setting, the Bayou country of nineteenth-century Louisiana, forcing us to consider plot and characters more closely.

The production's intrinsic quality derives from the fact that it has a clear underlying concept. That was the vision of Peter Wright's reading when he first staged it at Stuttgart and Covent Garden: two decades ago, but frequent minor changes seem to have eroded that once clear view.

The Harlem treatment, on the other hand, imagined by Arthur Mitchell many years ago and developed by him in association with the designer Carl Mitchell, has held firmly to the vision of particular characters in a particular context.

They are aided by sensitive staging of the traditional choreography by Frederic Franklin, an Englishman whose knowledge of tradition has been thoroughly neglected by English companies. Although the unattributed orchestration of Adam's score is flamboyant, it is at least colourfully theatrical.

To these virtues are added two beautiful performances in the leading roles: Virginia Johnson and Eddie Shelman act Giselle and Alvert with absolute conviction, and a complete rapport of spirit, lighting up the ballet by the radiance of her dancing and the soft buoyancy of his.

Nobody would suggest that the rest of the Harlem cast are, in any absolute sense, better dancers than those of the Royal Ballet (although one or two, notably Joseph Cipolla, hold their own) but they dance as if they all care about their performances much more than one usually sees at Covent Garden.

John Percival

Gallery

A bit of naughty fun

The Forbidden
Library
Hobart and Maclean

Last year, the final show in Jamie Maclean's gallery at 35 St George's Street, before it passed into other hands was *Forbidden Images*, a first respectable gallery exploration in this country of the rich, artistic and otherwise, of the intriguing half-world of "under-plain-cover". Despite (and no doubt partly because of) the discreet window-display and the notices warning that those who ventured within might be offended, the show was a great success, and contained a surprising amount of real art as well as a lot of good not-too-clean fun.

This year the same dealer, in partnership with Timothy Hobart, is back in the same premises, now the showrooms of Peter Biddulph, the dealer in historic musical instruments, with a follow-up show, *The Forbidden Library*, until July 18.

This time the emphasis is on book illustration. There are other things too: detached prints not precisely related to any literary or para-literary text, the odd drawing like Mucha's for a Sarah Bernhardt poster (or odder) some bold excursions by Cocteau and Bernard into the male

brothels of Paris and Marseilles, and some jolly and fancifully acrobatic lithographs from the famous court artist Peter Fendt.

Other works will be familiar to those au fait with scholarly American facsimiles, which include in recent years the erotic sketchbook of the Hungarian Mihály von Zichy and the bitterly satirical etchings of the Belgian Martin van Maele. Not to mention, in a more popular format, the numerous "amorous illustrations" of the Marquis von Bayros, working often under the pseudonym of Choisy le Conin, but quite unable thereby to disguise his unique virtuosity with pen and ink, almost a match for his contemporary Beardsley, who here turns up with his long-haired illustration for *Lysistrata*.

But all these are non-French, and it is in the Paris-published that the main body of the exhibition is to be found. From the 18th century on, the French seem to have bent on producing books which will uphold their highly profitable reputation for sexual sophistication. Not all the series of illustrations drawn upon can be qualified as high art, but it is amazing how consistently we find great technical competence and gleefully extrovert invention



From *Lysistrata* (1933) by Kojan

which should certainly take the curse of moral disapprobation off all but a very few. The mark of pornography, surely, is that it lacks imagination and relies entirely on pushing the same old buttons in the spectator's libido to get the same old stock responses. It is certainly not meant to look like *fin*. A lot in this exhibition, does look very much like fun, and is quite innocently infectious. And it introduces us to some real

artistic; it would be interesting to know more of Kojan, whose *Lysistrata* has a certain delicate, romantic quality as well as unusual frankness, or Vivant-Denain, whose late 18th-century *Oeuvre priapique* set out facts and fantasies of sex with a crispness and precision which are very fetching.

John Russell
Taylor

Radio

Silver clouds and leaden linings

Outpatient, Rhys Adrian's sharp delightful little satire on one face of the NHS, was first heard in 1985 on Radio 3. Last Wednesday, in John Tydemann's production, it was given a Radio 4 repeat, the first of six plays, winners of the Giles Cooper Awards for 1985, which will be heard again over the next few weeks.

The awards themselves were presented by Harold Pinter at an informal ceremony two weeks ago. Pinter recalled that soon after the ignominious failure of the first production of *The Birthday Party*, when it must have seemed to him that his career had begun and ended in a week, there arrived in the post an invitation from the BBC radio drama department to write a play for them. "The depth of their encouragement," said Mr Pinter, "was immeasurable." I suspect it still is for many playwrights whom we may yet live to celebrate.

But there is no need to look to repeats alone. For only last week radio reminded us of its

virtues with something shining and new-minded. *The Field of the Star* (Radio 4) was a feature compiled by one of its own most talented drama producers, Shaun MacLoughlin, which followed him and his 12-year-old son, Seamus, as they cycled all the way along the medieval pilgrim route that runs from Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy to Santiago de Compostela in the north-west of Spain. Day after day, over some five weeks, they rode, staying the night at hostels or monasteries that still line the route and often expect to lodge pilgrims free of charge.

Seamus witnessed the catching of a large carp and became obsessed with the idea of possessing a fishing rod; they were pursued by a hostile alsatian which father fended off with a spray of pepper. (By what amazing foresight did he have that?) and in moments of leisure Seamus took the opportunity to teach his dad "a bit about BMWs".

All this and much more had been recorded in their diaries

from which both father and son read extracts. Very colourful they were, but more important and impossible to convey in isolated quotes, they transmitted the impression of a mighty journey made resonant by being set within the context of innumerable other journeys along the self-same route.

Common to all times and people was the sheer elation that seized them as they breasted the last rise and there was Compostela spread before them. It was a measure of this programme's magic that the listener shared in that elation too.

For every silver cloud a leaden lining. And last week's arrived in the shape of *Tunnel Vision* (Radio 4, Sunday). The first broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster, Liz Barron's documentary was an account of attitudes in the Northern Irish town of Portadown where 20 per cent of Catholics, who used to live in relative amity with 80 per cent of Protestants, are now enclosed within one section of the place and do

not dare to venture into its main street.

Let me say that this was from one point of view an exceedingly well made and compelling programme: Ms Barron had persuaded her interviewees to declare themselves with chilling candour. The main point at issue was whether this summer's Protestant marches would be able to go down a street known as "The Tunnel", which runs along the Catholic enclave. The police say no; the Protestants say they always have and always will; and if the Catholics regard it as a provocation, too.

What is gained by yet another rehearsal of the lethal bigotries of the province at their most intense and unrelenting. We have heard it all over and over in one form or another; and by now it only serves to reinforce the impression that we are dealing with people to all intents and purposes irrational about whom there is, nothing to be done.

David Wade

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A HOME BASE AT THE CREASE

There was a time when cricket seemed so much gentler, when P.B.H. May stood for conjured centuries as a peerless batsman, not juggled controversies as the chairman of selectors. It was also a time for Frederic Raphael to be saved from baseball and turned into an English gentleman. It very nearly worked.

Some books make us laugh so much that they should never be looked at again. Of these, for me, a prime example is Archie MacDonnell's England. What is Three Men in a Boat by comparison? A tract? MacDonnell's cricket match is infinitely funnier than Dickens's in The Pickwick Papers, but since there is little so unforgivable, in a literary sense, as telling other people's jokes in synopsis form, I shall limit myself to recalling how, after Mr Shakespeare, Pollock held mighty contact with the bowling of the belted and braided blacksmith, he promptly dropped his bat and hared off to square leg.

This hilarious aberration was due, of course, to Mr Pollock's imagining that cricket and baseball were of the same family and that his business, once a meeting had been achieved between bat and ball, was to leg it round the "diamond" (somehow square-cut on this occasion before a fielder shied it at his midriff). Did he, after acculturation, prove finally adaptable to the English game or was he cruelly humiliated by his misbegotten origins?

MacDonnell's humour, being humane, I shall continue to believe that Mr Pollock became a competent, perhaps even capped, convert to his improbable game and came at last to play a straight bat with the ball, or better of them.

I must confess to a certain kinship with Mr Pollock, since I was born within sound, if not sight, of Wrigley Field in Chicago, where the local newspaper was as rabidly anti-British as its proprietor, Colonel McCormack, could arrange for it to be. Big Bill Thompson, the mayor of my native city, when threatened with a visit by George V, declared that he would give His Majesty a sock in the nose,

though I think that the royal progress passed off without any such bloody incident.

My father was British, despite his seersucker suits and his devotion to American dance music, and he maintained an undiluted affection for cricket, even when he went to live under the shadow of Yankee Stadium, in New York. By a fluke of business politics, we had to return to London just before the war, by which time I was an unmistakable American kid, convinced that nothing in my father's country was either as big or as good as what we had in the good old US of A. My folk heroes were Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey, a neighbour of ours on Central Park West. I would have you know, England was without names to compare with.

In 1939, my conversion from seven-year-old Yank to eight-year-old Englishman seemed unsurprisingly swift. In retrospect, I am astonished, and even a little ashamed, at the speed of it: what kind of a leopard can change its spots so fast?

The war probably put the pressure on: patriotism has small patience with half-measures and who can be more

pressingly patriotic than mid die-class schoolboys? If my accent conformed almost instantly, I took longer to accustom myself to the local sports. I can still recall the bewildering oddness of the cricket gear disintegrated from its winter quarters in the early summer of 1940.

The huge fields of my prep school were prepared for action by a tractor-hauling rotating blades which appeared wider than a main road. Grass flew like green shrapnel and sweetened the Sussex air as the rumble of guns from across the Channel excited our innocent ears and made the square allotments tremble beneath our trowels as we dug for an unlikely victory. Mr Crowe, who had the dark hair and small-eyed aspect of his corvine provenance, was deputed to teach us the elements of batting. As France tottered and fell (creating a feeling less of doom than of the happy prospect of a last-wicket stand), Mr Crowe was impatient with me. I batted the wrong way round. Sub specie aegritudinis (something which seemed not too remote just then), it might seem a small matter whether a beardless boy's left hand grasped the bat above or below the right. Mr Crowe, however, regarded left-handedness as akin to treason and he was in no mood to tolerate a fifth-columnist at such a juncture. Like John Donne in a more metaphysical context, I allowed prudent counsels to prevail and altered my stance. The success of the Germans made Sussex a dangerous place for batsmen of any persuasion. In this middle of my first season, if I may put it that way, when I was beginning to "pitch" without bending my elbow (and to fasten my pads without dislocating my shoulder) and when I had observed with fascination how Fatty Magaloon, the amiable Maths master, was transformed by copious white flannels and a Nomad's sweater into someone of elegance and, as he cut and swept with unburied flexibility, into a figure of almost balletic grace, the whole school was banished from its wide and level and vulnerable acres to the raw hills of North Devon.

My headmaster's sources in the War Office had informed him that the area of Ilfracombe would be remote from enemy incursions (we saw one Heinkel, hurrying home after firing Cardiff, and a single pronged mine which floated into the bay, causing us to rush inland, in our house shoes).

Lee Bay was garnished with a sandy beach and limpeted rocks from which to plunge or lurch into the icy Bristol Channel, but the steepness of the protective hills was such that only a narrow playing field was available to us, at the bottom of the V-shaped valley. A pair of bent football fields could be accommodated in it but cricket was out of the question for the duration. The hotel had tennis courts,

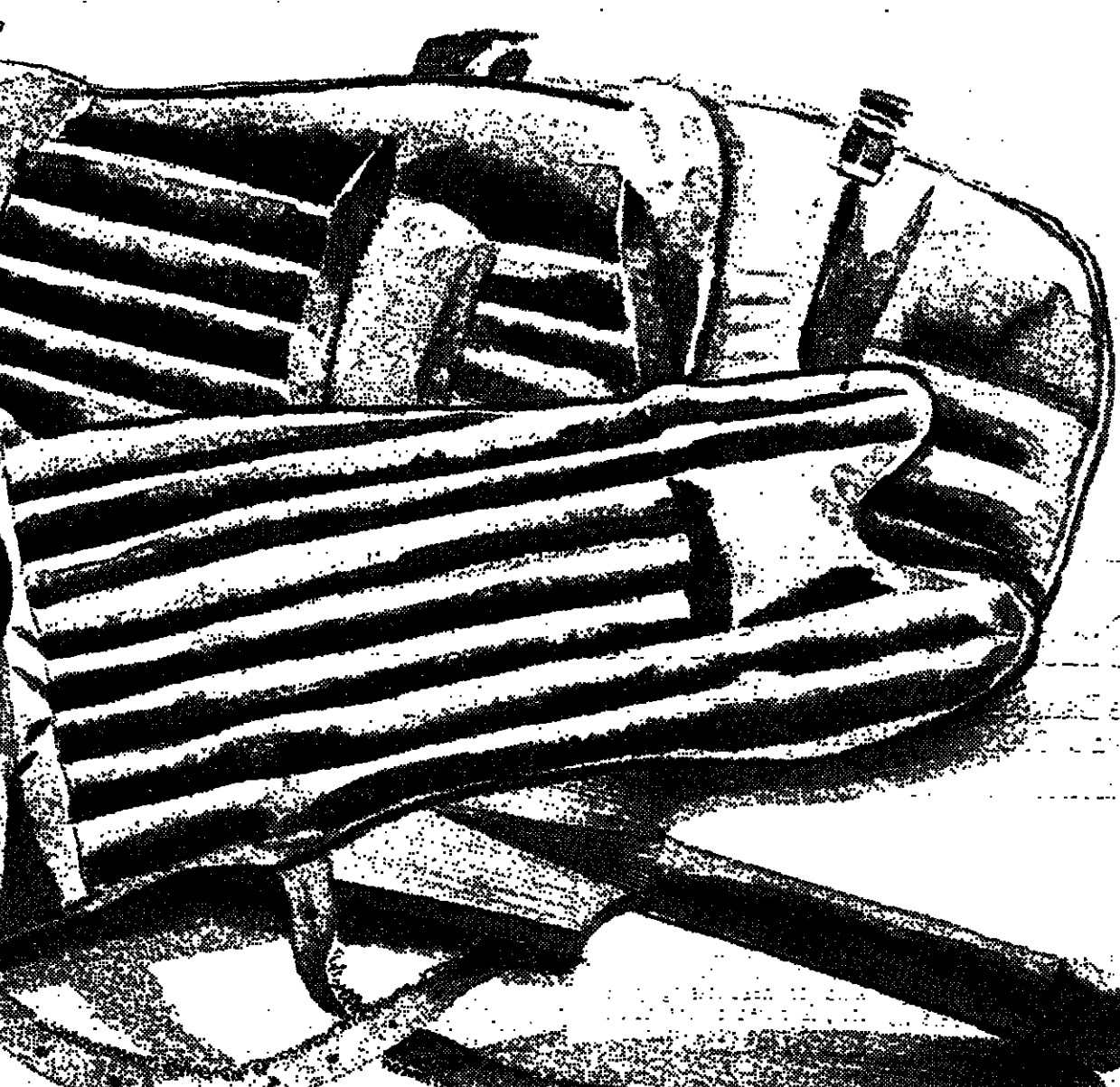


Illustration by Glynn Boyd Harts

where we became green-footed through playing without our rationed gym shoes, but the great summer game had to be postponed. Because tennis and sand-castles lacked the team element so essential to a Britannic education, a number of alternatives made brief appearances on the sporting curriculum. We played girlish rounders on the narrow field and we tried a strange game with a wooden paddle and a sort of "wicket", for full tosses only, which consisted of a board attached to a pole.

None of the soft-balled substitutes either amused or exercised us for long, but though they bore a certain similarity to what had once been my national game, no one ever suggested that we actually play baseball.

Gum and gun-toting GIs marched through the fuchsiaed villages and between the high Devon hedges, with their freight of blackberries and sloes, but they brought no enthusiasm for American mores. Looking back, I am amazed to discover in my young wartime persona not the smallest nostalgia for New York.

When, in 1945, my father refused to return to the USA, saying that he had committed me to an English education, I took it as the final signal to embrace all things British. During that last summer of prep school, we returned to

Sussex: the great rotating blades resumed their tonsile task and the greening pads were taken from under the latticed benches of the pavilion and blanketed for the resumption of peacetime conflict. The war was over.

The following autumn, I was sent to Charterhouse. My only link with it was that Fatty Magaloon had been a Nomad, which meant, more or less, that he had been in the fourth eleven. It seemed, and remains, an unattainable eminence. It had qualified him for a richly embroidered sweater (or "hasher" as I had to learn to call it) and made him the lowest form of "blood".

In the hope that I might emulate him, my father sent me to Alf Gover's indoor school during the Easter holidays. Some of the Surrey professionals used to hang out there, occasionally turning over their arms and rattling the stumps (set in a wooden block) of some cocksure pupil. I enjoyed their insiders' dialogue and envied their ability to smoke and bowl tweakers at the same time. After a few sessions with bat and ball, I looked forward to school cricket with some enthusiasm. Big Alf said that I ought to do well. I was given a new pair of boots, with impressive studs, and a Walter Hammond autographed bat. Ready when you are, W.G.

I was somewhat dashed to be put in the Lockites "Second Tics" for my first game: there was no lower category. I had hoped that our house captain might at least put me

in "Yearlings", which contained the pick of the new boys, but my uncultivated football, during the winter terms, must have disillusioned him. When, in the first match, I scored 25, not out, in a total of about 60, I had reason to think I might be promoted. My father had warned me on no account to be pushy, so I accepted my steady omission until half term. Then, one day, I came upon the house captain, who went under the sumptuous name of Brough Stuart Churchill, J.D. Marstock in Some People, just as he was actually writing out the team sheets. As his pen hesitated (he probably couldn't think of an eleventh Yearling), I murmured that I found Second Tics a little boring and rather wished that, before the year was out, I might have a chance in Yearlings. He scrawled my name on the list at once. It was not only the season when Compton and Edrich made "statistics" into a term redolent of glory (I was a Middlesex supporter, despite Alf Gover and his wristy friends), it was also a summer when P.B.H. May (Saundersites) scored a century in every home match that Charterhouse played. The resident professional, Leicestershire and England's George Geary, is said to have told the young maestro when he was 15 that there was nothing more he could teach him.

It was indeed difficult to imagine what could be missing from May's game: he turned cricket into a form of one-man show. When he played in house matches, scoring as many runs as were needed to enable him to bowl out the opposition in the name of Saundersites, it was as if an Olympian had deigned to play skittles with mortals. Peter was blessed with one great gift beyond that of being a virtuoso: he was modest to a fault. He dreaded flattery and eschewed arrogance. In a school vicarious with vanity and charmless with charlatans, May was the perfect sportsman. It is perhaps a small pity that, with his boundless skills, he never looked very happy. If he had been a bully and a braggart and a bastard, what a time he would have had!

As the years went by, I continued to attend Alf Gover's nursery and as I grew taller and stronger, the genial demon kindly assured me that I should soon be in the school eleven. In fact, even in my last year, I got no further than our house team. I might not be a bad bowler in the nets, but nerves led me to serve up long-hops and full tosses in a match.

Since we had two arrow-fast Scots, who needed only very short rests before resuming their accurate intimidations, I was rarely thrown the ball,

Frankly, so long as I was in the side, I hardly cared. I was a good slip fielder and I became a reliable batsman of the most constipated rectitude.

My first hour came in a house match against Gownboys, who paraded a first-class, left-arm bowler called Holt. Berkeley, our house captain (we were not on first-name terms after four years of proximity), asked me to go in-number one, which he did not seem to regard as a privilege, more a form of sacrifice. Thinking of Robertson and Sailor Brown, who broke the fast men of other counties so that Edrich W.J. and Compton D.C.S. might then carve them to the four corners of Lord's, I elected to be flattered.

If I say so myself, I never played better. After an hour and a half, I was still there. After an hour and forty minutes, I had only just been dismissed. It is true that I had made only seventeen runs,

which may not seem much of a highlight to those who have smug averages, but it was — and the symbolism is crucial — precisely the same number of runs that Edrich W.J. had scored in the first Test Match in Australia after the war.

When I came off the field after exhausting Holt, by the unspeakable adventurism of my forward defensiveness, I did not, so my comrades, team-mates but rather as jury of bearded immortals who, with their grave applause, acknowledge that, for certain purposes, I could indeed pass for an Englishman. At last, we lost the game in the end, though not before I had held a flashing slip catch when the scores were level. (The batsman was caught literally, red-handed, the hands being mine). On that day I could do little wrong, I do not wish to darken the light-hearted tone of this memoir, so I will not dwell on the loathing of fall and feel, for Charlesbosse, it is enough to say, with characteristic understatement, that it was a school for fools and fascists.

However, that night it provided me with one of the happiest moments of my life. Colours were called "House Teams" and, to be "warded" there was to "receive House Teams". The house captain drawing-pinned a card on the notice board with the favoured names on it. I might be blasé about scholarships, but I hardly dared to look when Berkeley thumbed his few nominations onto these green baize.

I glanced as casually as I could at the board. "After the match against Gownboys", I read, "F.M. Raphael received House Teams". I might never be a Nomad, with an enviable, hashier but I was not entitled to wear an apple-green and black striped neckerchief. It is the only pleasure that damned school ever gave me.

When, in our last match of the season, I was given out, caught at the wicket by Burton-Brown, after padding a ball well outside the off-stump, with my bat high in the air, my American blood made me want to fling down my bat and run, not to square leg but all the way to Southampton. However, the British graft has conclusively taken: flameless fool, I thought of P.B.H. May and, with a look worthy of Sydney Carton's understudy, I quit the field, never to return, cursing the blind umpire and looking for all the world like the next best thing to a gentleman.

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VICTORIA WINE OF THE MONTH CAMPO-NAVARRA CAMPO-NAVARRA RED WINE FROM SPAIN THE VICTORIA WINE COMPANY

Illustration of a cricket bat and ball. SATURDAY Mandarins men: How the co-writer and star of Yes Minister found their way to the National, page 14

Only one decaffeinated coffee tastes as good as Nescafé Gold Blend. NESCAFÉ GOLD BLEND decaffeinated

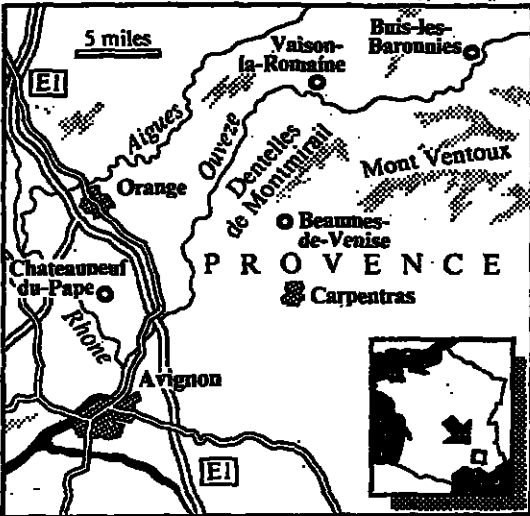
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TRAVEL

Scents of adventure in the air

Up the scented slope we toiled and sweated while ahead went Monsieur and Madame, employing an efficient long obviously acquired by a lifetime of healthy walking.

Peter Brown followed his nose in Provence, where knowing your herbs is of the essence



The herb market at Vaison-la-Romaine: so timeless and so natural

The oaks, we learned on the way down, were for truffles. The saplings would take at least 15 years before a truffle would grow within sniffing distance of their roots.

true love's door. And then: Le bon muscat de Beaume et le ferigoulet se boivent a la regalade.

The word Venise is a corruption of Venaissin, itself a corruption of the name of another village, Venasque.

These days the capital of this land of popes and herbs, if we discount Avignon itself, is the bustling town of Carpentras.

answer lies in Monsieur's serene philosophy. This part of Provence, certainly, seems little wearied by age.

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Next day we ventured into the foothills, to the Roman town of Vaison-la-Romaine, where it was market day.

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Hardly spoken, but then, in such a cornucopia, what need of an ancient tongue? One must look to the future.

Another of Montrose's new products this year is the baby swing/bouncer, which can be used indoors or out.

The herbs, of course, are part of Provencal folklore. On May 1 you would leave a sprig of thyme on your

Perhaps our more efficient farming has done for them, or perhaps the

Among the market patter I listened

Annual membership costs £3.

SHOPPING

Taking a swing through the Tarzanite treats

From sandpits to climbing frames, Lee Rodwell suggests some sturdy toys for use in the garden

Making play while the sun shines is getting easier every year. Most parents breathe a sigh of relief at the slightest sign of good weather.

A good selection of outdoor toys for children of every age and gardens of every size can be seen at the Montrose Products showrooms in Kentish Town, north London.

Their most popular climbing frame unit is the Wizard, which comes with a fireman's pole and a swing.

This year Montrose have introduced a toddlers' climber, in a cheerful blue and yellow, with a fireman's pole and an optional slide attachment.

The Early Learning Centre have their own giant climbing frame, which has the advantage of being two frames in one.

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round the edge of the sandbox can be used whether it is open or closed. It costs £40.

The new Early Learning sandpits double up as paddling pools since both the junior and the large versions have drain holes and plugs.

Little Tikes have also introduced a Teeter-for-Two - an all-in-one moulded see-saw that can be used indoors or out.

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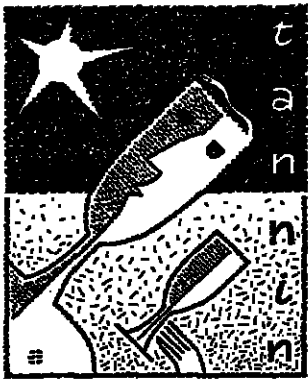
HOW TO AVOID BEING FRAMED

Andy Cole, toy and equipment research officer of Play Matters, the National Toy Libraries Association, offers these guidelines for buying garden toys.

DRINK

Sparkle summons summer

Cynics may well feel that yet another English summer came and went with the recent warmer spell, but the wine trade obviously consists of eternal optimists.



More comforting still for non-Majestic goers is that, in addition to the 15 wine warehouses already in operation, three more are on the way.

But last week I tasted a range of summer specials and have come up with a handful of best buys.

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EATING OUT

Another roast to beef about

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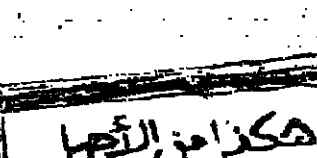
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Imposing façade for family life

At Ragley Hall one of Europe's great rooms has been restored, thanks to the Marquess

A frolicsome breeze — somewhere between tornado and hurricane force — was making its way across the Ragley estate, as I toiled, nose to tarmac, up the seemingly endless drive. Plenty of sheep, quite a few trees, a banner advertising Remy Martin — something to do with the Ragley Horse Trials, no doubt — but where's the house?

Suddenly, like an architectural jack-in-the-box, up it pops in all its glory over your right shoulder. Adjectivally, the choice lies somewhere between "imposing" and "intimidating": it is quite a facade. As you negotiate the elegant stairs and enter the portico, you might look up at those massive columns soaring over you and settle for the latter adjective. You certainly will after opening the door.

What you see immediately up against is the experience of 112,000 cubic feet of space, or to put it another way, "one of the great rooms of Europe". It is 70 foot long, 40 foot wide and 40 foot high, the work of James Gibbs and Giuseppe Agazzi, and it makes you feel very small. But it is prettily decorated with pink walls and exuberant white plasterwork everywhere — like a superior wedding cake. Overhead, a figure of Britannia is holding in one plaster hand a long spear, which, the guidebook suavely informs us, is "not otherwise attached to the ceiling". The fire in the grate is crackling like a fusillade of light artillery. A fellow can only stand so much of this...

Oddly enough, the rest of the house is far from intimidating — even several notches

down from "imposing". The atmosphere is convivial, domestic, a touch raffish. There are some grand rooms but most of them are actually lived in by the family: the Marquess of Hertford, his wife and children. It shows. There are family snapshots everywhere — the Marchioness is a keen photographer — records and record-players are visible, there are books for reading as well as books for lining walls. One title in particular — *One Man's Estate*, an account of Ragley by Dennis Barker (Deutsch, 1983) — seems to have been left lying around in a remarkable number of rooms.

It is thanks to the present Marquess that there is still a Ragley Hall to be seen. It was almost derelict after the Second World War, having been used as a hospital throughout. The estate had been whittled away by death duties, the Marquess and his mother were living in one of their farmhouses, and the trustees were on the point of calling in demolition contractors. Yet the Marquess had somehow got it into his head that a family could still live in a place like Ragley, could restore it to its former glory, and even make it pay its way. He turned out to be right. The family personality is

stamped quite firmly on Ragley — not least in the extraordinary mural, *The Temptation*, commissioned by the Marquess and painted between 1969 and 1983 by Graham Rust. This huge work covers an entire staircase wall, culminating in a *trompe-l'oeil* dome; members of the family peer down over tiers of (painted) colonnades.

An enormous Ceri Richards painting hangs on the other staircase. Called *The Defeat of the Spanish Armada*, it looks rather like a nasty giant involving two giant shuttlecocks. I suppose it demonstrates that if your walls are big enough, you can — usually — get away with anything.

Ragley has some of the prettiest ceilings you could hope to see. You could crack in and your visit with a crack in the neck. It has an astonishing bed made specially for the Prince Regent, and one of the finest chimney pieces in captivity. (In the breakfast room). It even has — most unusually — a guidebook which is a good read in itself. Written by the Marquess it is pleasingly concise, welcoming in tone and highly individual.

"We might have more flowers if we had fewer peacocks", he confides — and indeed there are plenty of these gorgeous fowls, sweating naughtily at each other all over the grounds.

Nigel Andrew

Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 762455) is open Tues-Thurs, Sat and Sun, 1.30-5.30pm. Tues-Thurs in June, July, August, noon-5pm.



Taking steps: The Marquess of Hertford, who restored the family fortunes, on the south staircase with Homer

Full of charm... and sheep

Ragley Hall is only seven miles from Stratford-upon-Avon and 10 miles from Evesham. But the less well-known Alcester is much nearer (just over a mile), and is worth a visit. It's a small, self-conscious old town with too many cars on its streets but some fine buildings. It calls itself "Alcester" or "Oister".

The church has a magnificent alabaster monument to Sir Falke Greville and his wife and 15 children. It is an interesting building, half Gothic and half Classical, and all round it are ranges of handsome old houses — timber framed, brick and stone — side by side, all pleasingly irregular and lived-in. There is a town hall dating back to 1618, and the best of

many old houses is the Malt House on the corner of Malt Mill Lane. Being just off the tourist routes, Alcester has not been "improved", its charm is completely genuine.

Unfortunately it also offers little to the weary traveller but several town pubs, a wine bar (Miranda's) and the Tudor Rose Tea Rooms. For a full meal you might do best to visit the Arrow Mill restaurant, opposite the gates of Ragley in the village of Arrow. (The Ragley cafeteria does good salads.) The village is black and white, strictly residential, with a pretty church set back in the fields. Sheep probably outnumber human souls.

ALNWICK FAIR: Re-enactment of this ancient fair in one of Northumberland's finest old towns. Live entertainment throughout today in the Market Place includes courts and ducking, buskers, a gurning competition, pillow jousting, five-a-side football, barn dance, and barbecue. Tomorrow, a road race from 11.30am, and a medieval tournament.

Further information from Peter Lewis (0665 602552). Today 10am-midnight, all Market Place events free. Tomorrow, tournament from 1-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC: Rides for children on the museum's train and for under-10s on the antique roundabout. Competitions for the smallest, best dressed, best hand-made, and oldest bears. Refreshments, including honey and marmalade sandwiches.

London Toy & Model Museum, Craven Hill, London W2 (01-252 2459). Tomorrow, 2-5pm. Adult £1.50, £1.20 with bear child free if carrying a bear.

CARIBBEAN MUSIC VILLAGE: Entertainment includes concerts, informal workshops, masquerade sessions with stilt-walkers, Caribbean food and a whole range of Caribbean music.

Holland Park, London W11. Further information and tickets for evening concerts from Commonwealth Institute (01-603 4535). Mon-July 26. All daytime events free. Evening concerts: adult £3.50, child £2.

ROSE GARDEN REBORN: Designed in 1888 by Robert Marnock, the garden has been completely and authentically restored. The only "newcomer" will be the hybrid Warwick Castle Rose, to be planted by the Princess of Wales on Tues.

Warwick Castle, Warwick (0826 485421). From Wed, daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £3.50, child 4-16, £2.25, under-4s free.

LET'S FACE IT: A series of workshops, demonstrations, talks about make-up, hair, fashions, and cosmetics from 1700-1988, presented as part of the City of London Festival and the Museum of London's summer exhibition. All events are free, but tickets are limited for some events.

Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699, ext 280) Tues-July 13, July 15 and 16.

Judy Froshang

THE TIMES COOK

A renaissance for those salad days

Shona Crawford Poole cooks up cool first courses for light summer meals

Not many categories of food have changed as much for the better as salads. There are still un-reformed pubs and canteens serving pre-revolutionary lettuce decked out with club cut cucumber, tomato wedges, sliced eggs, spring onions and salad cream on the side. And coleslaw dressed to kill all tastes is still high in the ratings. If the buckets of it sold in supermarkets are anything to judge by.

But as likely as not, alongside the tubs of chopped stuff drowned in acetic acid will be a range of raw greenery undressed of even five years ago. Add the influences of our own travels and those of the chefs whose work features on our book shelves, if not on our cheque book stubs, and the scale of the change becomes clearer.

The year-round availability of once rare ingredients like fizzy, frilly and red members of the chicory tribe has helped as much as the widening of holiday horizons. That warm have believed that warm boiled potatoes and garlic mayonnaise are a heavenly partnership is a *si vis vinum* in the West? Could we have credited the deliciousness of roasted red peppers with nothing more than salt and oil before tasting them on an Italian table?

Add a dash of inspiration, from the tantalizingly perfect arrangements of dainty exotica pictured in magazines, cookery books, and advertisements for country house hotels and it is clear why salads have become socially acceptable starters.

Miniature ears of maize the size of a child's finger are a

good addition to a selection of vegetables cooked à la grecque.

Baby corn and mushrooms à la grecque

- Serves six to eight
- 225g (8 oz) firm button mushrooms
- 225g (8 oz) baby corn
- 225g (8 oz) onions, preferably small
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 6 tablespoons good olive oil
- 300ml (½ pint) white wine
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt
- 1 teaspoon whole coriander seeds
- ½ teaspoon fennel seeds
- Freshly ground black pepper

Cut the stems of the mushrooms flush with the caps. Wipe the caps with a clean cloth. Wash the baby corn, and cut any very large ones in two or three pieces. Peel the onions, and if they are large, cut them in quarters or sections. The idea is that the pieces of vegetable should be of roughly compatible size.

Put the onions and garlic in a large shallow pan with the oil, wine, lemon juice, a little salt, the coriander and fennel seeds and some freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for three or four minutes before adding the corn, and after another five minutes the mushrooms. Simmer until the mushrooms are lightly cooked then drain the vegetables, reserving the cooking juices.

Put the vegetables and spices in a serving bowl. Reduce the cooking liquid by about ¾ tablespoons by first boiling and pour it over the vegetables. Leave, uncut, to cool, and serve at room temperature rather than chilled with a wedge of fresh lemon.

Sweet peppers are the most abused of vegetables when raw, as repetitive as kippers. Strips of green pepper, which are even less easy on the digestion than ripe red peppers, seem to have become an



obligatory item in every ill-thought-out salad.

If the temptation to jazz-up an unexciting lettuce is irresistible, add a few lightly cooked mangle peas and string-thin green beans. This kind of green salad is interesting enough to serve as first course. Choose cabbage lettuce or any other really green variety in preference to an iceberg.

Green salad

- Serves four
- 110g (4 oz) very fine green beans
- 110g (4 oz) small mangle peas
- 1 lettuce
- 1 bunch watercress
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped chives
- For the dressing
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons light olive oil

Simmer the fish in the milk for about five minutes, until it will flake from the bones. Strain and reserve the milk. Flake the fish, discarding the skin and bones and divide it between six well-buttered moulds or ramekins. I use oval metal moulds which hold about 100ml (¾ oz).

Put the eggs in a bowl with the cream and about 175ml (6 fl. oz) of the reserved poaching milk. Whisk well and season with cayenne, adding salt if it is needed. Stir in the chopped chives.

Pour the custard over the fish, filling the dishes to the brim. Set the dishes in a deep tin or casserole and pour in boiling water to come at least half way up their sides. Bake the custards, covered, in a preheated cool oven (150°C/300°F, gas mark 2) for about 30 minutes, or until they have set.

Remove them from the water bath and allow them to cool. Refrigerate them only if necessary. They are best freshly made.

Baked fish custards seem to be a peculiarly Scots institution and are usually made with freshly caught fish. Another traditional Scots fish dish is smoked finnan haddock poached in milk and served in a soup plate with the hot salty milk and a poached egg on top. The next recipe calls on both dishes to make individual savoury custards holding creamy flakes of smoked fish. They can be eaten hot, but are intended to be served cool with a salad of sliced waxy potatoes dressed with a mustard vinaigrette.

Finnan pots

- Serves six
- 1 finnan haddock
- 600ml (1 pint) milk
- 2 large eggs
- 150ml (½ pint) double cream
- Salt
- Cayenne pepper
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped chives or spring onions

IN THE GARDEN

Take time to look and learn

One of the difficulties with gardening advice on radio or television, in magazines — and newspaper columns — is that it usually comes from professional gardeners who, while they are immensely knowledgeable on the subject, often seem to have no concept of life in a domestic garden, where children, pets and wildlife compete with plants for space and attention. These distractions bring about a number of problems which may not be dealt with by the professional giver of gardening advice.

The main problem with the gardening gurus is that they want to keep you busy the entire time. So this month, if you're not feeding glaxina, you should be earthing up potatoes, transplanting bulbs, taking half-ripe cuttings or removing strawberry foliage. When do you get time to lie in the sun and enjoy the sights and scents?

Do we really have to suffer through this kind of gardening *Pilgrim's Progress* of infinite tasks and imponderable adversity, where joy is hard-earned? Of course gardens need attention but, in practice, if enjoyment is combined with vigilance, tasks can be minimized.

If you adopt a relaxed attitude, taking time off to walk among your plants, you are more likely to spot pest or disease problems early, when they can usually be dealt with quickly and easily. As you pass by, you can swoop on the odd weed, deadhead the roses and secure the waving stems of climbers.

You will savour the scent of roses on the morning air, of lavender rubbed between the fingers. There will be the pleasure of the first ripe raspberries, or of finding that your lilies have unexpectedly doubled in number, or of discovering a new plant, gained from who knows where — perhaps inadvertently smuggled in with some other purchase.

Inspection will also reveal

both blackfly and pinky rose aphids on your roses, and nasty wrinkles on the silky leaves of the cherry. These indicate the presence of the persistently hungry cherry aphids, which resemble shiny black fleas.

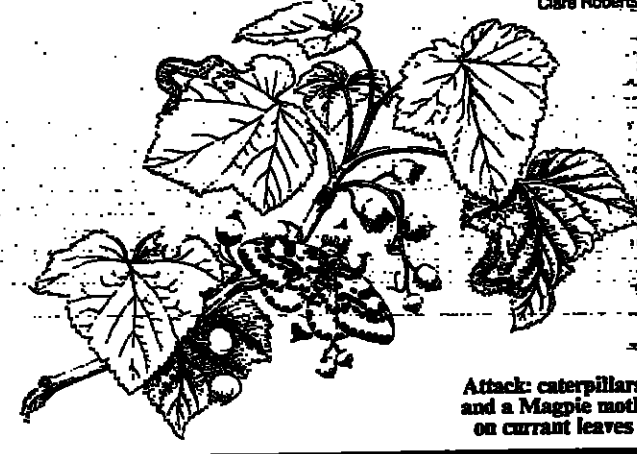
You will also do well to spot the early nibblings of that unpleasant grey-green caterpillar which adores Solomon's Seal and can defoliate it in a day or two, or a similar depredation of the currant bushes which signifies the caterpillar of the magpie moth, a most beautiful but troublesomely voracious species.

July is the time to enjoy the gardens of others as well as your own. Many gardens, private and public, are open this month, giving you an opportunity to observe the planting requirements, habit, spread and height of plants you are considering growing yourself.

Take a notebook in which to note down the names of new plants which capture your attention, or you will inevitably have forgotten them by the time you get home. My list for this year includes a delightful pink linaria called Canon Went, and *Salvia patens* with its rich blue flowers. I was reminded, by a trip to the Chelsea Physic Garden, of *Lavandula stoechas* — an early lavender in which each flower is crowned with a cluster of bracts, making it look as though an exotic fly is perching there.

Also a delight from now on are the day lilies. Purists prefer the species, the yellow *Hemerocallis citrina* and the apricot-red *Hemerocallis fulva*, but there are numerous hybrid varieties for those with fancier tastes. These are plants worth considering for although — as the name suggests — no single bloom lasts more than a day, they produce a succession of blooms lasting up to six or eight weeks.

Francesca Greenoak



Attack caterpillars and a Magpie moth on currant leaves

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REVIEW

Symphonic subtleties

Mahler: Symphony No 1 Columbia SO/Walter. CBS MK 42031 (CD) Mahler: Symphony No 2, songs Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus/Sinopoli. DG 415 959-2 (two CDs, also cassette and black disc) Bruckner: Symphony No 4 Columbia SO/Walter. CBS MK 42035 (CD) Ropartz: Symphony No 3 Donostia/Capitol/Orchestra Placson. EMI EL 27 0948 1 (black disc, also on cassette)



Master and maestros: Gustav Mahler, flanked by two of his interpreters, Giuseppe Sinopoli (left) and Bruno Walter

There has never been much doubt that Mahler's music was about collapse, disintegration and decay. The argument is over the amount of wholeness that can be rescued in performance.

Here on one side we have Bruno-Walter, in one of his last recordings, bringing the First Symphony to a supreme entrenchment, boldly radiant but also closely affectionate, the work of a conductor who evidently claims to understand his composer.

And on the other side we have Giuseppe Sinopoli, who, in his new recording of Symphony No 2, the "Resurrection", makes no such claim.

He stands squarely outside the piece, using his fierce energies to stir it into action, popping up most vigorously what is most threatening to the music's coherence: the raffles of col legno, the rough, grubby intersections from the

low strings. It is a performance of colossal menace, of menace directed more at the work than through it. It is also a performance that must inevitably lose continuity, moving in fits and starts (many starts and a fair number of fits, sometimes, in the alto song for instance, it seems that the whole thing has been strung together out of 30-second takes).

The effect is to suggest overweighing self-indulgence on the part of the conductor.

But I do not think this is Sinopoli's intention. It is rather a matter of taking the symphony's adult questions as seriously as its childlike answers. Walter may be a much more palatable guide to Mahler, but the nasty, tempestuous, uninviting Sinopoli provides a disturbing truth of his own - or rather of Mahler's own.

It deserves slightly less disturbing singing. Brigitte Fassbaender is sadly shaky in her solo, and not well cast in

the accompanying performance of the *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* where she is too ripe. Rosalind Plowright is on surer form as the symphony's soprano, and Bernd Weikl turns in neat performances of six early songs, chosen from the 1892 volumes and effectively orchestrated in Mahlerian style by Harold Byrnes; the effectiveness can be judged from the fact that Sinopoli finds unruly currents here as much as in the symphony. One may conclude

that Walter's Mahler, however splendid, preserves an echo of the time when the composer could be lumped together with Bruckner, for certainly his performance of the "Titan" reaches towards the same kinds of glorious affirmation and of lovelessness that he finds in his contemporary recording of the older composer's "Romantic". Symphony No 4, here romantic indeed.

Paul Griffiths

Inspired idiosyncrasy of a genius

The Glenn Gould Legacy, Vol 2 CBS M3 39036 (three black discs, also cassettes) Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 Arau, Staatskapelle Dresden/Davis. Philips 416 215-2 (CD, also black disc and cassette) Beethoven: Piano Sonata, Op 78, Alfred Brendel, Philips 412 723-1 (black disc, also CD and cassette) Mozart: Piano Concertos, K466, 467 Uchida, ECO/Tata, Philips 416 381-2 (CD, also black disc and cassette)

Glenn Gould was a quirky, often infuriating pianist whose off-the-platform eccentricities more than matched his keyboard manner. Yet listening to the assembled recordings of The Glenn Gould Legacy (dating from 1956-8) is an exhilarating reminder that he was also a genius whose death "at" a comparatively youthful age was an artistic as well as a personal tragedy.

None of his famous Bach interpretations is included here, though there is a massive, uncompromisingly solid account of Mozart's Fantasia and Fugue, K394. Instead the emphasis is on Beethoven, with idiosyncratic readings of the last three piano sonatas, and vivid performances of Concertos Nos 1 and 2. The recording of No 1, with the Columbia Orchestra under Golschmann, has become a classic: urgent and impulsive, with Gould's passagework matching the trumpets and drums for rhythmic ferocity.

I can scarcely hope to conceal the fact that my cadenzas are hardly in pure Beethoven style", wrote Gould in his entertaining sleeve notes. That is certainly true, but these baroque-chromatic inventions come like a fresh breeze from an age less obsessed with uniformity and "authentic" style.

The mono recording of the Concerto No 2 has never been issued before. Listening to the Academic Symphony Orchestra of Leningrad, one can

understand why. But Gould's first entry takes the game into an altogether more dangerous and elemental phase, with the tempo audaciously varied and the piano conjuring up more excitingly "orchestral" colour than this orchestra could ever manage.

Turning from this to Claudio Arrau's sedate new recording of the Piano Concerto No 5, the "Emperor", is like taking a tranquilliser. The measured progress will not be to everyone's taste, but it does allow Arrau the space to bring his customary poetic insights to bear, and Colin Davis elicits some rich sounds from the Dresden players. The piano's prominence in the balance is far from natural, however.

There is more passion, surprisingly, in Alfred Brendel's performances of the two Beethoven sonatas - both live recordings made by the BBC at his superb 1982/3 Beethoven cycle in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. I was struck by the big dynamic range, the

intense delivery of the Adagio, and the unfaltering clarity of thought and expression in this reading of the "Hammerklavier". There is not a dead patch in it, nor (as far as one could hear) a single technical slip. The performance of Op 78 is equally rewarding, particularly in the exuberant second movement, where Brendel points up the rhythms and makes something Schumannesque of it.

Finally to Mitsuko Uchida, whose own recent Elizabeth Hall cycle was of Mozart concertos. As it progressed she recorded each work with the English Chamber Orchestra, and the fruits are well worth savouring. The crystalline, "filtered" quality of the piano sound, matched by absolutely even passagework and a delicate, dancing style, are the hallmarks here - though I fancy that the presence of Jeffrey Tate (there was no conductor in the concert hall) adds a touch more passion and character to the orchestral playing.

Richard Morrison

ON THE AIR

By Peter Waymark

Fourscore years of vintage Huston

RECOMMENDED

The Searchers (1956): Southern Gothic film John Ford Western setting John Wayne on the trail of a kidnapped girl (BBC2, today, 9.25-11.20pm) Victoria the Great (1937): The late Anna Neagle in her most famous screen role (Channel 4, tomorrow, 2.30-4.45pm) Saboteur (1942): Fast-moving Hitchcock chase thriller with a memorable climax on the Statue of Liberty (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.20pm-12.20am) The Lower Depths (1957): Kurosawa version of the Maxim Gorki play about down and outs. (Channel 4, Wed, 10.15pm-12.25am) *First British showing

FILMS ON TV

studio three years earlier as a writer. Huston had, in fact, written the script for The Maltese Falcon, but only after some badgering did he get to direct it. The result was the turning of a potentially routine thriller into cinematic gold, thanks to happy combination of Huston's writing and directing, superbly atmospheric black and white camerawork by Arthur Edson and a cast in which every face was a perfect fit. Hammett's laconic private eye, Sam Spade, is played definitively by Humphrey Bogart: tough, cynical,

bringing a rough brand of integrity to a nasty world. His chief antagonist is Mary Astor, film noir's archetypal scheming woman, and there is a marvellous assortment of supporting players from the outside Sydney Greenstreet (making his film debut at the age of 61) and that eternal fall-guy, Elisha Cook Jun. What matters least about The Maltese Falcon is the plot, a convoluted affair concerning the quest for a black statuette. What matters a lot is Huston's unobtrusive, but perfectly paced, direction, which allows his abrasive dialogue to make its own point. The Maltese Falcon perfectly illustrates the dictum of another Hollywood pro, Howard Hawks, that

a good director is someone who keeps out of the way. Eighty in August, Huston has been directing, but not always keeping out of the way, ever since. Only last year, when we thought the old boy was starting to lose his grip, he came back triumphantly with *Prizzi's Honour*. Who knows what more this big, flamboyant hulk of a man may yet have to offer. After *The Maltese Falcon*, BBC2's Huston retrospective continues with *The Red Badge of Courage* (Mon, 6.10-7.15 pm) and *The Witness* (Tue, 8.8 pm). Delights to follow include *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, *The Asphalt Jungle* and *The African Queen*.

Genesis revelations

Portrait of a mother

RADIO

Flippantly, one might call it the gospel according to Brian Redhead. But flippancy is out of place with The Good Book (Radio 4, today, 10.30-11 pm), the first of 13 programmes on that best-selling - though not always best-read - volume, the Bible. Starting with Genesis and leaving programme 13 blank for audience reaction, The Good Book proceeds on three levels: relating the story of the Bible, trying to explain why that story has remained so powerful, and looking at the views of Biblical scholars. By trying himself to make sense of the Bible Redhead hopes to pass on that understanding to his audience. The joint winners of the 1985 Radio Times Drama Awards have their plays premiered on Radio 4. In N.J. Warburton's *Conversa-*

TELEVISION

The Lives of Lee Miller (Channel 4, tomorrow, 9.15-10.20pm) is a television portrait of a mother by her son, though in the circumstances it manages a remarkable objectivity. Lee Miller had several lives, all of them notable. In the late 1920s and early 1930s she was a top fashion model; the pupil, mistress and favourite subject of the American surrealist photographer and artist, Man Ray. She became a photographer herself, covering such momentous events as the Normandy invasion and the atrocities of the concentration camps. After the war she married the English painter and surrealist, Roland Penrose. During the 1950s her portraits of artistic luminaries

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 994

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, July 10, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, July 12, 1986.

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Passing shots

The London County Contract Bridge Association is deservedly recognized as one of the most enterprising of the local bodies. At one end of the scale they promote the Lederer Memorial for established masters; at the other, thanks to Freddie Della Porta's initiative, the London Trophy. Last year the sponsors were forced to withdraw. Della Porta immediately set out to find a replacement. It is a fitting reward for his persistence that the event is now sponsored by the Prudential Assurance Company. The London Trophy is for non-bridge clubs who are happy to play the game as it used to be before the system-mongers got to work. This was a critical hand in a clash between two tennis clubs, the All England and Sutton. London Trophy, East-West Game. Dealer North.

Becker's forehand, but his bidding is open to question. South tried the ♠Q, but had to win East's ♠K with the ♠A. He crossed to dummy with the ♠Q, and returned to the ♠A to discard dummy's losing spades on his top diamonds. He ruffed a spade with dummy's ♠2, cashed the ♠K and played a heart, eventually scrambling 11 tricks. An indulgent commentator suggested that the position of the ♠8 was the critical factor. Closer scrutiny suggests that declarer needed several successive net-cards. The association's annual festival is being held at the Great Western Hotel, Paddington, London W2 from August 22-24. Entries for the full Congress cost £22. For further particulars, please write to: Marijke Van Beesen, 55E Ferme Park Road, London N8 9RY (01-341 4456).

Jeremy Flint

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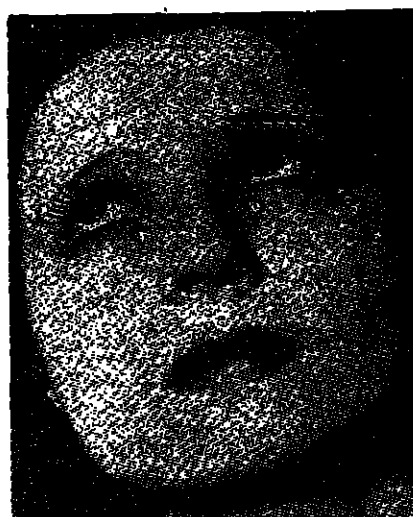
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THE WEEK AHEAD



PHOTOGRAPHY PRIVATE EYE: Man Ray was a leading light in the surrealist movement which flourished in Paris in the 1920s. His Tears (above) is included in L'Amour Fou: Photography and Surrealism. Hayward Gallery, London SE1 (01-928 3144) from Thursday.



THEATRE INSECT MAN: Tim Roth, fresh from his television triumph in King of the Ghetto, has the lead in Metamorphosis. Steven Berkoff's version of the Kafka story about a man who wakes up to find that he is a cockroach. Mermaid (01-236 5568), from Wednesday.



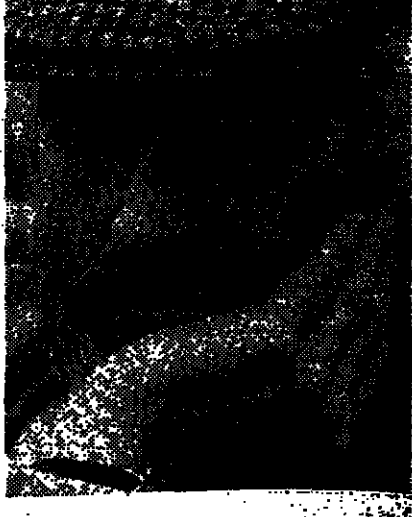
TELEVISION TORCH CARRIER: The Statue of Liberty, built in France and shipped across the Atlantic in 210 crates, was unveiled 100 years ago. Its story is told in an Oscar-nominated documentary by the American director, Ken Burns. BBC2, Monday, 8-9pm.



ROCK SAILING HOME: Rod Stewart will be hoping for a warm welcome on his return to Britain after a lengthy absence. His concert features a reunion of the Faces, plus guest appearances by ELO and Feargal Sharkey. Today, Wembley Stadium (01-902 1234).



FILMS MAKING WHOOP!: Whoopi Goldberg, in her first screen role, gives a skilful central performance in Steven Spielberg's The Color Purple (15), about the gradual emancipation of a black woman early in the century. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279), from Friday.



BOOKS IRISH STEW: J.P. Donleavy, the American writer, returns to the land of his ancestors in J.P. Donleavy's Ireland (Michael Joseph, £12.95), a boisterous mix of anecdotes and autobiography which covers his student days at Trinity College Dublin.

THE TIMES CHOICE

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

FACING UP: Andy Warhol airs one of his recurrent themes: the self-portrait. Anthony D'Offay Gallery, 9 & 23 Dering Street, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), from Tues.

FIGURATIVE SCULPTURE: The human form, from eight contemporary British sculptors. Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Off Deansgate, Manchester (061 832 8034), from Tues.

SCANDINAVIAN PAINTING: From the turn of the century, including Munch, Larsson and Ring. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3144), from Thurs.

SELECTED

ARCHAEOLOGY: Major exhibition reviewing archaeological discoveries in Britain since the Second World War. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555).

FILMS

OPENINGS

ENEMY MINE (PG): Futuristic spectacular from the director of The Boat. Wolfgang Petersen, with Dennis Quaid and Louis Gossett Jr as enemy space pilots marooned together on a hostile planet. Prince Charles (01-437 8181), Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), from Fri.

SELECTED

HALF LIFE (PG): Powerful, angry Australian documentary investigating the effect of American nuclear tests on the inhabitants of the Marshall Islands during the 1950s. Metro 1 (01-437 0757), from Fri.

MURPHY'S ROMANCE (15)

Old-fashioned romantic drama, with Sally Field as a horse trainer, falling for James Garner (who was nominated for an Oscar). Curzon West End (01-439 4805), from Fri

SELECTED

FOOL FOR LOVE (18): Robert Altman's latest imaginative venture into filmed theatre. Premiere (01-439 5570), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-836 6148).

AN IMPUDENT GIRL (15): Claude Miller's smooth, sweet story of a frustrated teenager taking steps towards maturity during her summer holidays. Vary French. Lumiere (01-836 0691), Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742).

PHOTOGRAPHY

BATH'S SECRET GARDENS: Photographed by a local man, Peter Woloszynski, who has established a reputation in this particular genre. Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milcom Street, Bath (0225 92841).

PORTRAITS AND DREAMS

Self portraits and family life photographed by the children of the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA: Tonight, Tue and Fri at 7.30pm Covent Garden's new production of Fidelio, conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream continues its run on Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WCC (01-240 1066).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Tonight and Thurs at 4.50pm the long-awaited Porcy and Bloss conducted by Simon Rattle with Willard White and Cynthia Haymon; tomorrow at 4.50pm, Wed and Fri at 5.50pm, Peter Hall's new production of Verdi's Simon Boccanegra. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812411).

COMMEDIANTI: A newly formed Italian comic opera touring company starts tonight (from 8pm) at the Charleston Manor Festival, with a double-bill of Pergolesi's La serva padrona and Donizetti's La Rita. Charleston Manor, West Dean, Seaford, Sussex (0323 870267).

CONCERTS

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM: Two performances today of its Creole Giselle together with Balanchine's Allegro brillante. Glen Tully's Voluntarys is given together with Balanchine's Serenade and John Tarr's Firebird (Mon, Tues). Geoffrey Holder's Banda and Balanchine's Stars and Stripes (Wed), or Banda plus Billy Wilson's Concerto in F (Thurs). The season ends with Serenade, Firebird and the London premiere of Domy Reiter-Soffer's Equus (Fri and July 12). Coliseum (01-836-3161).

MERYL TANKARD: She describes her Travelling Light as a dance theatre cabaret; it is given in London for one more week, then at Edinburgh. ICA Theatre (01-930-3647).

DANCE

CHELTEMHAM FESTIVAL: Bruckner's Symphony No 9 and the world premiere of Alan Hoddinott's Triple Concerto. Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523890). Today, 8pm.

LISZT'S FAUST: A rare performance of Liszt's Faust Symphony by the Philharmonia Orchestra under Esa-Pekka Salonen. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

FRIEND/PHILHARMONIA: Lionel Friend conducts Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, Handel's Water Music, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Dvorak's "New World". Royal Festival Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.

BOETTCHER'S BEETHOVEN: Wilfried Boettcher conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 2 and 7. Cheltenham Town Hall, Wed, 8pm.

ROCK AND JAZZ

BRACKNELL JAZZ FESTIVAL: Back in competition with Wimbledon, this most relaxed of jazz picnics features Don Cherry, John Scofield, Chris

McGregor and many others. Today/tomorrow, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berks (0344 484123).

QUEEN: With Status Quo. Wed, St James' Park, Newcastle (0632 611571); Fri and July 12, Wembley Stadium (01-902 1234).

GILBERTO GIL/MILTON NASCIMENTO: Two giants of Brazilian pop. Gil on Tues and Nascimento on Fri. Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).

CELIA CRUZ: The Aretha Franklin of salsa, accompanied by Tito Puente's band. Thurs, Hammersmith Palais, London W6 (01-748 2812).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

CABARET: Gillian Lynne directs Wayne Sleep, Kelly Hunter in a new production of the musical based on Isherwood's stories. Strand (01-636 2960). Previews from Thurs. Opens July 17.

OPENINGS

SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM: David Kernan's tribute to Stephen Sondheim's lyrics and music. Donmar Warehouse (01-240 8230). Opens Tues, Brass Night Fri, Urth Aug 24.

WIENER SCHNITZLER: Excerpts from the plays and stories of Arthur Schnitzler using members of the company of Dalliance (now at the Lyttelton). Platform performance. Cottesloe (01-928 2252). Mon, July 18, Aug 11, 19.

SELECTED

THE ENTERTAINER: Peter Bowles gamely steps into Olivier's shoes as the seedy, emotionally empty stand-up comic Archie Rice - perhaps John Osborne's greatest creation. Shaftesbury (01-379 5399).

OUT OF TOWN

STRATFORD UPON AVON: The Art of Success: Nick Dear's play about the life and work of William Hogarth. The Other Place (0789 25623). Previews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: New production directed by Bill Alexander. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews today (matinee and evening), Mon. Opens Tues. In repertory.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE: Priority booking opens this week for David Hare's The Bay of Nice and Wrecked Eggs (from Sept). Also Pinter's The Magistrate. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

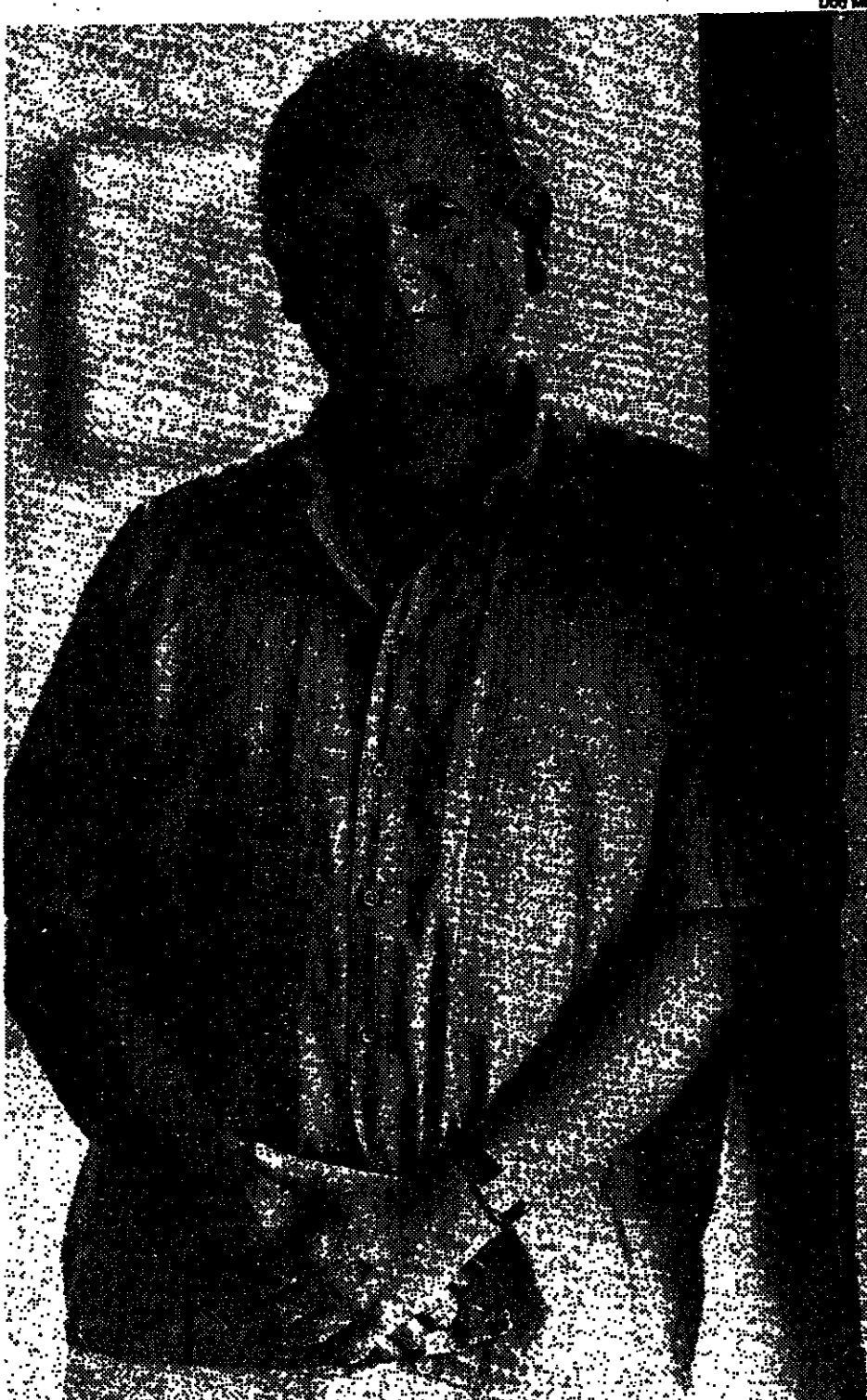
BOLSHOI BALLET: Booking open for performances in Battersea Park, Manchester and Birmingham, August. Tickets from the Bolshoi Ballet in The Park, PO Box 2, London W6 0LQ (01-741 9999), Manchester: (061 236 9922), Birmingham: (021 622 7486).

LAST CHANCE

RONALD SEARLE - TO THE KWAI AND BACK: Drawings by the artist while serving with the Royal Engineers and as a Japanese prisoner of war, 1942-45. Ends tomorrow. Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Films: Geoff Brown; Photography: Michael Young; Dance: John Percivak; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Maudie Cropper; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

A funny route to the National



To people who know him chiefly as the co-writer of Yes, Minister, Jonathan Lynn will come as something of a surprise. Having already directed a Feydeau farce for them, he was invited by Peter Hall to form a new group of NT actors to give a sequence of three plays. The second surprise is his choice of plays - two little-known hits from Broadway's past and one classic, neglected English farce. The Magistrate. "I believe in a good night out", he says, explaining his policy simply: "I want people to feel entertained and have a good laugh." These were reassuring words to hear bouncing off the National Theatre concrete. Backstage at the NT the impression is of visiting a prison. After being signed in and looked over, one is led to an interview cell of extreme lugubriousness, furnished only with old paper cups. A previous occupant had passed his time arranging the drawing pins on the notice board into a cry for help: "Brian where are you?" But Jonathan Lynn, after being led in by a warder, seemed to be enjoying his porridge. A roly-poly Ustinovian figure, with lips that curl like those of attendant cherubs in lascivious Old Masters, he looks as though he might introduce a note of revelry between these sad, forbidding walls. What had persuaded him to come inside? "Oh, the day that Peter Hall rang, it seemed like a good idea. I do whatever comes along that seems a good idea at the time. People have given me a great sense of support. We're a mixed bunch of directors - Peter Wood, Richard Eyre, David Hare, Peter Gill - and now me." He sounded surprised at the company in which he found himself. The idea for the Whitehall saga occurred to Lynn's partner, Antony Jay. They had met while writing management training films. Lynn did not respond to the idea at first: "I had written about 50 situation comedies for television and didn't want to write another one ever again." But after some years he was more receptive when Jay mentioned the unpromising idea once more. In a sense he points out. Yes, Minister is a training film for politicians, just as Fawlty Towers can be seen as a training film about the problems of hotel management. The success of Yes, Minister and its best-selling books-of-the-series rather eclipsed Jonathan Lynn's earlier career as an actor. In the 1970s he was seldom off the screen as actor-screenwriter in series such as Doctor in the House and its sequel. He had begun his acting career in the Cambridge Footlights revue, playing the drums, but for the New York run, he was promoted to playing in the sketches. It seems odd to recall now that one of his better known roles was Moul the tailor in Fiddler on the Roof, a part with its own solo. Even this does not exhaust his multifaceted career. Apart from directing a number of West End successes - the last Leonard Rossiter Look for example - he is an established screen-writer. Clue, a murder story based on the family board game Cluedo, was his, and gave him the chance both to write and direct. "I still think of myself as an actor", he begins - but corrects himself - "No, I think of myself as more a director and writer. No - I don't really know what I think of myself."

ARTSDIARY

Front line writer

A brutal reminder that even the aris in South Africa cannot escape the present war. The black African writer, Mphahlele Ngema, well known here for his play Wozu Alben, was in fear of his life after being gunned down recently and killed the promoter. The play, Asinamali, is a satire on police informers. It is thought the gunmen were looking for Ngema.

A film of the play made by the BBC will be screened in August, while a stage version will be produced at the Edinburgh Festival. BBC producer David Thompson tells me: "The play is uncompromising. It looks at the roots of violence in the townships and the role of the informers. It is a cry from the heart." But despite the threats, to Ngema, he passes a message back through a third party: "I will not be intimidated."

Still life

Despite apocalyptic tales that the Oxford-Playhouse is about to collapse through lack of financial support from the University, I can reveal that a year's stay of execution has been granted. Robert Weir, whose committee has been charged with finding a solution to the theatre's funding problems, assures me that "The playhouse will never go dark."

With a courage and optimism rare in the publishing business, three former Macdonald executives will announce on Monday they have created a new publishing house. Headline, Tim Hely-Hutchinson, Sue Fletcher and Stan Thomas have established what they describe as "the largest independent book publishers ever to be launched in Britain". But how large is large? When they open for business next week they will have commissioned just two authors. Neither is known to me.

Pinter lead

With her stage play Circle and Bravo transferring to the West End shortly, Faye Dunaway is already looking ahead to the filming of Donald Freed's story of an incarcerated First Lady of America. She has



Pinter and Dunaway

acquired the film rights and is casting around for a director. Once again her husband, photographer Terry O'Neill, will be passed over - as he was in the couple's unhappy flirtation with Tom Kempinski's Duet for One. Not favourable at the moment is the play's stage director Harold Pinter. It will mark his big-screen directing debut.

Crafty art

Another Getty at Socon Place? Strange as it may seem, there is a growing body of opinion that the California-based Getty Museum may take on the breathtakingly century mansion near Guildford which was occupied by J. Paul Getty until his death in 1976. The house is on the market at around £16 million, and would be an ideal halfway house for items purchased in Britain but not granted an export licence. That with a certain amount of "borrowing" could go without contravening the Government's export rules. Christopher Wilson

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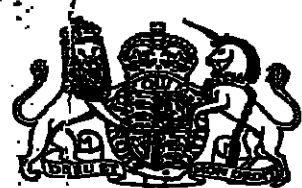


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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 4: The President of the Republic of Germany and Freifrau von Weizsäcker, with the German Suite in attendance, left Buckingham Palace this morning upon the conclusion of a State Visit to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

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Managing obedience to change

After the first Easter Day, the faithful shared the death and resurrection of Christ. In telling the story of the conversion of Cornelius, emphasized to the reader that it was God who brought about this turning point (see Professor Haenschel's magisterial commentary, The Acts of the Apostles).

Now facing the churches of our day. In successive centuries, Christians have found it hard to manage change. In the Middle Ages, the life of St Francis and the founding of his order was a challenge to what was normal.

Fortcoming marriages

Mr G.C.G. Light and Miss E.C. Wimbush. The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs G.E.O. Light, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr J.R. Wimbush and Mrs J. Wimbush, of Peterfield, Hampshire.

Mr K.C. Loud and Miss F.C. Watson. The engagement is announced between Keith, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L. Loud, of Little Gidding, Bedfordshire, and the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H.S. Watson, of London, SW11.

Dr A.B. Blakley and Miss S.K. Croll. The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mrs Bruce Blakley, of Beckenham, Kent, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Croll, of Rowhams, Hampshire.

Mr J.G. Carter and Miss L. Cadbury. The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Carter, of Broseley, Shropshire, and Belinda, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cadbury, of Lebury, Herefordshire.

Mr M.C. Graham and Miss R. Witney. The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Captain and Mrs C.E.M. Graham, of Upcott Farm, Barnstable, Devon, and the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Witney, of West Anstey, Devon.

Mr N.A. Summers and Miss L. Addison. The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr J. Summers, of Droitwich, Worcestershire, and Mrs B. Summers, of Gnosall, Staffordshire, and Laura, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G.H. Mann, of Wentworth, Surrey.

Mr G.A. Worth and Miss S.R. Tall. The engagement is announced between Graham Alan, son of Mr and Mrs B.L. Worth, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Sarah-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Tall, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr A.D.S. Horne and Miss E.R. Van Gruisen. The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, 1986, at the Church of Lawrence Jewry, next-Guildhall of Mr Andrew Horne, son of Major and Mrs D.L.O. Horne, and Miss Emma Van Gruisen, daughter of Mr M.H. Van Gruisen and Mrs Anne Innes-Fortescue.

Mr P. Leonard-Morgan and Miss C. Erewin. The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, of Mr Peter Leonard-Morgan, eldest son of Mrs Leonard-Morgan, and Miss Catherine Erewin, daughter of Mr Michael Erewin and Mrs Anne Erewin. The Rev John Arrowsmith officiated.

Mr S.J. Osborn and Miss M.A. McCann. The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, at St Mary's Church, St Albans, of Mr Simon James Osborn, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Osborn, of Dunbarway Lodge, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, and Miss Molly McCann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence McCann, of 621 West Fernside Road, Wayzata, Minnesota.

Mr S.C. Whitmore and Miss K.C. Wade-West. The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, in Clipperton, Wiltshire, of Stephen Whitmore, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Whitmore, and Miss Katie Wade-West, daughter of Dr and Mrs T. Wade-West.

Mr D.B.J. O'Hagan and Miss M.L.E. Penn. The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Major and Mrs A.B. O'Hagan, of Langley, Maidenstone, Kent, and the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Penn, of Northam, Rye, Sussex.

Mr J. Inskip and Miss K.E. Brooks. The engagement is announced between Jason, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Inskip, of London, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Brooks, of Havant, Hampshire.

Mr G.A. Worth and Miss S.R. Tall. The engagement is announced between Graham Alan, son of Mr and Mrs B.L. Worth, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Sarah-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Tall, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire.

Royal Medals

Royal Society Royal Medals for 1986 have been awarded to Sir Thomas Francis, FRS, Sir Richard Doll, FRSc, and Professor E.A. Ash, FRSc.

Church services: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Green: 10.15 Sung Eucharist. The Rev. Canon J. E. and Mrs. M. J. St. Cuthbert. ST GEORGE'S, Hanover St: 8.30 HC. 11. Sung Eucharist. The Rev. Canon J. E. and Mrs. M. J. St. George. ST JAMES'S, Grosvenor Gardens: 10.30 HC. 11. Sung Eucharist. The Rev. Canon J. E. and Mrs. M. J. St. James.

OBITUARY

RUDY VALLEE

First of the Hollywood crooners

Rudy Vallee, the American singing idol of the late Twenties and Thirties, who also had a long career as a comic character actor in films, died on July 3 at his home in Hollywood. He was 85.

SIR DESMOND POND

Professor Sir Desmond Pond, who died on June 29 at the age of 66, following a short illness, had a distinguished career as first Professor of Psychiatry in the University of London at the London Hospital Medical School, and later as Chief Scientist at the Department of Health and Social Security.

DR CARLO M. FRANZERO

Dr Carlo Maria Franzero, the Italian journalist and writer, who came to London at the inception of the Fascist regime and stayed for the rest of his life, died on June 29. He was 94.

Memorial service

Sir Peter Pears, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's personal physician, died on June 29 at the age of 75. A memorial service will be held at the Royal College of Physicians on July 10.

BRITISH MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM 2s 6d + 15s VAT (minimum 3 lines)

AL-ASHARI, Farmer. Former Member of Parliament, London, passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 1986, at home in London. Burial on Saturday at noon. Condolences accepted on Sunday, 6th July at 10.30 am. Mrs. M. Ashari, 10, Regent Park, London NW1 4BU. Tel. 07-700 0000.

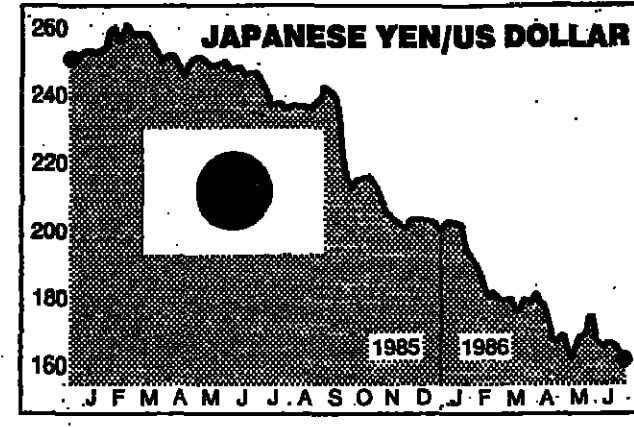
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Gilts rise strongly on new hope of interest rate cuts

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent



dollar rate is expected to move to 155. There is also strong pressure on the US Federal Reserve Board to cut the discount rate...

Hopes of an early move to lower interest rates sent British government bonds up strongly for the third day in succession yesterday.

Interest-rate optimism has returned to the London markets this week in the expectation that next Tuesday's money supply figures will be satisfactory...

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Export rate reduction

Western industrial countries have agreed to lower the minimum interest rates they apply to officially guaranteed export credits...

Allianz in £215m cash call

Allianz AG Holding, West Germany's largest insurer, yesterday announced terms of a deep-discounted rights issue to raise £215 million (DM721 million).

Meadow Farm drops bid

Hillsdown Holdings, the fast-growing food group, has increased its offer for North Devon Meats, a farmers' co-operative abattoir, from £3.1 million to £3.5 million.

BBB debut

BBB Design, the Hertfordshire publishing group, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a £5.5 million price tag.

Offer for sale

Windsor, the women's fashion house which sells through concessions in department stores, has been priced at 106p a share, giving a market capitalization of £23.3 million.

Further fall

Shares in Britain's largest merchant banking group, Morgan Grenfell, continued to disappoint stock market investors yesterday, falling a further 2p to 488p.

Lloyds to seek bid extension

Lloyds Bank admitted yesterday that it will have to ask the City Takeover Panel for a special dispensation to extend the timetable of its bid for Standard Chartered as a result of the need to satisfy US banking legislation.

DTI move may boost unit trusts

Far-reaching proposals giving unit trust companies greater flexibility in the management of their funds are likely to trigger a wave of new unit trusts as well as alter the way in which trusts are sold to the public.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Investors switch off over Peacock view

When the Government considers dramatic initiatives in Britain's television industry, it would do well to consider City reaction to the Peacock report - a studied yawn. Shares in television companies were virtually unchanged.

rather than to reinforce the present duopoly there. City analysts believe that the City would rally round to finance a privatized Radio 1 and 2. But this is unlikely to generate much excitement.

COMPANY NEWS BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY: Results for the six months to June 30 (five months to June 30, 1985) include a gross interim dividend of 3 cents (2.3 cents).

COMPANY NEWS OAKWOOD GROUP: Results for the half year to March 31 include, with figures in £000, turnover 5,947 (6,359), pre-tax profit 66 (68), tax 23 (22).

MARKET SUMMARY STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones Market Closed Tokyo Nikkei Dow 17597.73 (-94.07) Hong Kong Hang Seng 1756.76 (-0.82) Australia Gen 292.8 (+1.8) Sydney: AO 1142.7 (+6.8) Frankfurt Commerzbank 1867.4 (-38.5) Brussels 733.32 (+35.55) Geneva 372.0 (+6.7) Zurich SKA General 522.40 (+1.4) London closing prices Page 20

MARKET SUMMARY MAIN PRICE CHANGES RISES: AG Barr 345p (+12p) Brunning Group 188p (+10p) Marier Estates 280p (+10p) Jacques Vert 181p (+13p) Countryside Props 482p (+18p) Avana Group 554p (+17p) Reed International 1040p (+15p) Huntprint 285p (+15p) Rockliff 308p (+15p) AS Ports 1520p (+52p) 223.25 Parkfield Group 545p (+30p) FALLS: Thom EM 471p (-11p) Manders Holdings 285p (-10p) Evedard Holdings 250p (-10p) McKinnis 543p (-22p) TI Group 106p (-10p) Amstrad 106p (-10p) Harold Ingram 180p (-19p) Daegan Holdings 88p (-27p)

Shake-up at HB Electronics

A group of investors led by two executives of the Holmes Protection group, an American alarm system manufacturer quoted in London, is to take over the reins at HB Electronics, the USM-quoted components distribution group.

HB is 83 per cent owned by W Canning, the Midlands chemicals, metals and electronics group which brought it to the market in 1983. Canning plans to capitalize a £300,000 loan at 41p a share and place about 2.7 million shares with institutions at the same price.

120 million reasons to go for Japan.

Japanese domestic activity is thriving. 120 million Japanese are benefiting from inflation at 1 1/2%, an oil price only 37% of what it was a year ago and virtually full employment.

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Oppenheimer

British pianist toast of Moscow From Christopher West Barry Douglas, the pianist, has overthrown the toast of Moscow becoming the first to win an outright winner of the first prize in the 19th International Tchaikovsky piano competition. He has a following of more than 20 years. West would be reserved pop star. Last night, Mr Douglas attended a glittering ceremony and closing concert at the Moscow Conservatory. The pianist was accompanied by Mr Gorbachov. The presence of the Kremlin leader was as further evidence of interest in Soviet culture. Mr Douglas, who has placed on it under his name are predecessors. Mr Douglas, aged 26, won wide praise for his accomplished playing and modest, easy-going temperament. British diplomats claim yesterday that his victory on Thursday played a role in loosening Soviet relations which Mr Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, visits London this month. Tomorrow Mr Douglas has been joined here by Ruth Wilkinson, his girlfriend, also from Belfast, as one of a gala concert in St James's Park. Tickets have already come one of the most after items on the city's black market. He will give a repeat concert on Monday before flying back to Belfast. "When this is all over, the first thing I plan to do is take a very long holiday," explained Mr Douglas. Mr Douglas, who has been taking piano lessons at the College of Music.

WALL STREET

Wall Street closed for Independence Day

(AP-Dow Jones) - US Treasury securities rose as much as 1/32 point from late New York levels on Japanese buying, but the market has effectively shut down in Europe in line with the US markets holiday.

Dealers said the market in Tokyo was basically catching up with the Chicago futures market, following the early closing on Thursday of the Treasury market in New York. The biggest bullish factor remained the news that US non-farm payrolls fell by \$9,000 in June.

The brokers stopped quoting screen prices when Tokyo closed, with the benchmark Treasury 7 1/2 per cent bonds due 2016 ending 20/32 points higher than at 101 16/32.

Table with columns for Bid, Offer, Chng, Ytd. Lists various stocks and their prices, including IBM, AT&T, and various industrial and utility shares.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing Sterling spot and forward rates for various currencies including US Dollars, Swiss Francs, and Japanese Yen.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates for various currencies and gold prices.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table showing Euro money deposit rates for various currencies and terms.

GOLD

Table showing gold prices in various currencies.

EXPORT

Table showing export rates for various commodities.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures prices for various instruments.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table showing Canadian stock prices for various companies.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing other sterling rates for various currencies.

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Table showing London metal exchange prices for various metals.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table showing investment trust prices for various funds.

COMMODITIES

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Table showing London commodity exchange prices for various goods.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Table showing meat and livestock prices.

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Table showing London meat futures prices.

POTATO FUTURES

Table showing potato futures prices.

LONDON METAL FUTURES

Table showing London metal futures prices.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table containing unit trust information, including fund names, managers, and performance data.

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TEMPUS

ICI clears decks ahead of expansion drive

When a company is prepared to incur increased borrowing costs of about £1.4 million...

to repay the cumulative preference shareholders. On completion of these manoeuvres...

so much a takeover bid, more a management coup. It does not really matter what his quoted Tranwood company does...

Oil price trend

Since The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries broke up inconclusively last week...

It is not easy to determine what is happening to demand for oil. Seasonally, this is the weakest time of year...

Mr Oppenheim, who maintains there would not be a change of control because Aitken shareholders would end up with 91 per cent of Tranwood...

The loan stock trust deeds contain provisions which limit the group's borrowings to the amount of the adjusted capital and reserves...

On the supply side, some oil production has been taken out of commission because of uneconomic prices...

The confessional-type defence document which per-versely boasted of huge losses for the present year might not have been too bad had it not also revealed huge golden parachutes...

The total amount of unsecured loan stock outstanding is £178 million, and the annual cost of the additional interest will be £900,000.

Meanwhile, the industry is replenishing its depleted stocks at the rate of around two million barrels a day.

Aitken also seemed fairly sure that a white knight would emerge. If the NSR factor does cause the Tranwood bid to fail...

The sanction of the court is required to write down the share premium account...

Mr Nick Oppenheim's offer for Aitken Hume was never...

COMPANY NEWS

ALFA-LAV'AL: The company is planning to acquire the Control Group from Abisell-Bolden.

BARHAM GROUP: The company has acquired Research and Auditing Services, the consumer market research group...

BRISTOL OIL & MINERALS: No dividend for 1985. Figures in £000. Turnover 3,367 (13,080).

GF LOVELL: A dividend of 3.5p (3p) has been declared for the year to April 5. Results for the year with figures in £000 include turnover 3,554 (3,140)...

KONE: The directors have announced a revised recommended cash offer to acquire all four million ordinary shares of Biddle at 170p per share.

REED EXECUTIVE: A final dividend of 3p making 4.5p (3p) included in the results for the year to March 29. With figures in £000, pretax profit on ordinary activities rose to 3,551 (2,316) and earnings per share to 23.36 (12.06p).

ISL THERMAL SYN-DICATE: An interim dividend of 1p (same) is included in the results to April 30. With figures in £000, group sales were down to 9,430 (9,743) and group pretax profit to 69 (1,279).

PREMIER CONSOLIDATED OILFIELDS: Shareholders voted at the extraordinary general meeting to acquire the oil and gas exploration interests of Burmah Oil and to issue 72 million Premier shares to Burmah, making it a 25 per cent shareholder.

CARLESS CAPEL & LEONARD: The acquisition of LMS American Holdings Corporation, Drexel Oil Company and the 7,981,500 ordinary shares in The Winterbottom Energy Trust from London Merchant Securities has been completed.

ANGLO NORDIC HOLDINGS: No final dividend, making 0.4p (1.4p) for year ended March 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 54,202 (54,298) and loss before tax 758 (1,315) profit. Loss per share was 4.2p (5.7p earnings). The share price was 23p, down 3 1/2p. The company has made significant writeoffs in the year to March 1986 as part of a big restructuring and reorganization.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

STC climbs on speculation of ITT selling share stake

By Michael Clark

Shares of STC, the telecommunications and computer group, put in a late run yesterday climbing 10p to 166p - just 2p shy of their high - on speculation that ITT was about to sell its remaining holding in the company.

ITT which is the world's biggest publicly quoted company still owns 131.02 million shares (24 per cent) in STC worth an estimated £217 million. But ITT has been steadily reducing its holding in the company since 1982.

throughout the session closing 9.2 down at 1,356.5, while the broader based FT-SE 100 also lost 6.8 at 1,649.4.

who had been hoping for further hints about the future from the company, came away disappointed. Courtals also came in for profit taking following its recent strong run dipping 7p to 297p.

Last night the stock market was buzzing with rumours that ITT had found a single buyer for the entire stake outside the market and that an announcement would be made shortly.

Earlier this week ITT announced that it had teamed up with the French state owned telecommunications group Compagnie Francaise d'Electricite to form a joint European telecommunications group which will rank second in the world.

Marketmen complain that this could deter other companies from making new bids. Government securities continued to advance as the scent of cheaper money continued to waft through the market.

Others to lose ground included British, 7p lower at 148p. Lasso, 5p at 198p. Shell, 6p at 775p. Ultramar, 5p at 168p, while Burmah on 41 1/2p, Enterprise on 107p and Century Oil on 144p all fell 4p.

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Avana Group, the cakes and jams manufacturer, jumped 17p to 554p yesterday on revived bid speculation. Dealers claim Associated British Foods is about to spend some of the proceeds from the sale of Fine Fare on buying Northern Food's 20.33 per cent stake in Avana.

These included the appointment of five new directors: rights issue to raise £73,000 net and the reduction of W Canning's majority holding from 83 per cent to 19 per cent.

The rest of the equity spent a lacklustre session with Wimbledon and Henly still high on the agendas of most investors wishing to make the most of the fine weather.

Few investors were willing to open new positions ahead of another possible cut in bank base rates and with Wall Street closed for the day turnover was down to a trickle.

Meanwhile, shares of Parkfield Group leapt 30p to 530p after announcing three new acquisitions totalling £14.8 million. The group is paying £6.5 million for Lighting Distribution and £8.3 million for two other companies - J&B Labone and RM Fabrications.

Oil shares were a dull affair, with a dull market.

Apparently, the institutions

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and TRAD OPTIONS. Lists various companies and their share prices.

SAAB advertisement featuring a car and a plane. Text: 'THE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER NOTHING ON EARTH COMES CLOSE'. 'A RANGE FOR THE UPWARDLY MOBILE.' Includes a coupon for requesting information.

SAAB 900 advertisement. Lists models: SAAB 900, SAAB 900 INJECTION, SAAB 900 TURBO, SAAB 900 TURBO 16, SAAB JA37 VIGGEN. Includes contact information and a SAAB logo.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities lose ground

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 30. Dealings end next Friday. Settlement day July 14. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Woolsolheim Rink, Chloride, Appleford, etc.

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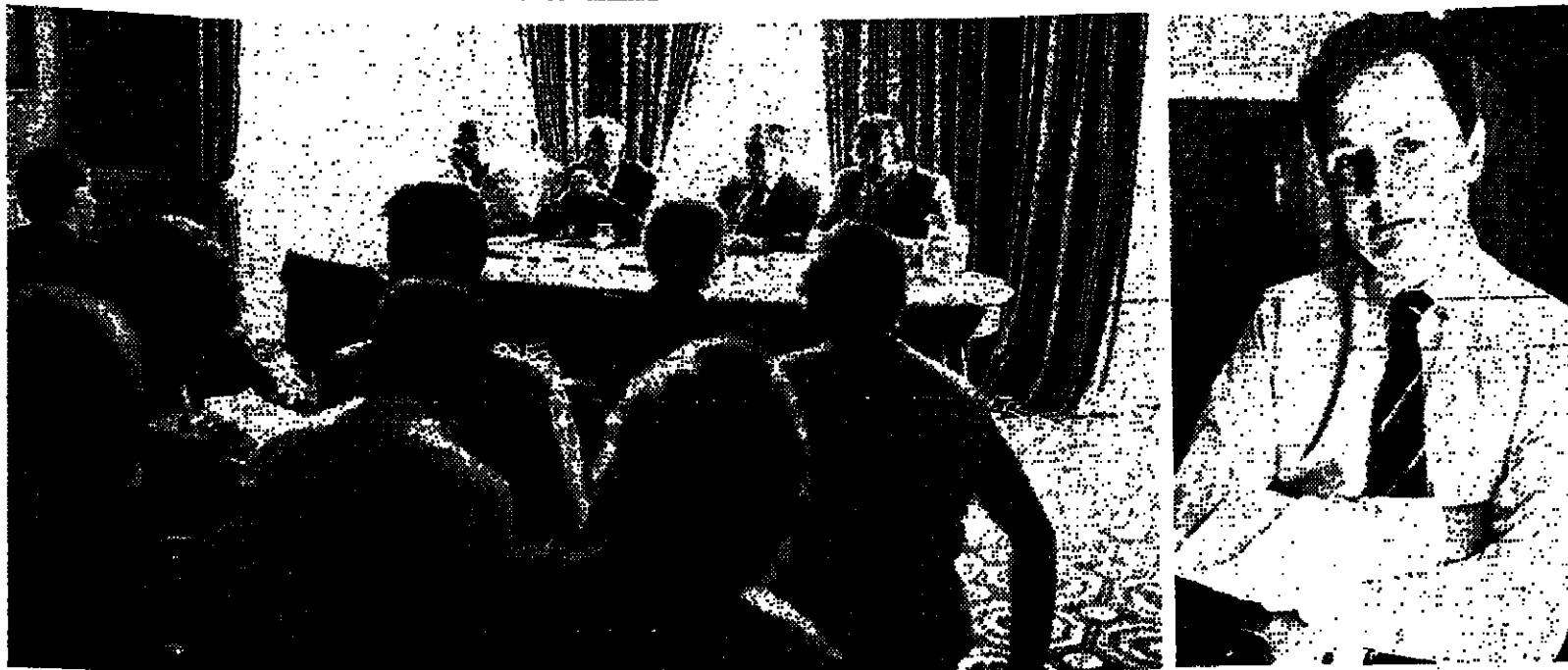
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FAMILY MONEY/1

Edited by Lorna Bourke



Meeting the creditors: Mr Rosen is far left, Mr Cooper second from right. Far right: The deeply disappointed Mr Bennett, an unsecured creditor

How Spanish dreams were dashed

Holiday dreams can be dangerous and expensive. They cost John and Elaine Bennett more than £53,000 when they fell in love with the idea of a holiday villa on the Costa del Sol.

The Bennetts approached a company trading as M&M Spanish Homes, which was offering plots and the facility to build your own property near the popular and populous resort of Marbella in Spain.

The Bennetts found the brochure attractive and the promises seductive, but today they are deeply disappointed. M&M is now in liquidation, submerged beneath a raft of bad debts, and Mr Bennett claims that the property he was promised "might as well be in Siberia or the Sahara — it's a roof and four walls over which we have no title".

This is disputed by the company. One director says Mr Bennett "has perfect title". The matter is being fought out between the lawyers.

The two working directors of M&M Spanish Homes are Gerald Rosen and Paul Cooper, whose wives were originally the only directors until early last month, well after the application to put M&M into liquidation.

Mr Rosen admits that he and Mr Cooper were shadow directors of the company, because Mr Rosen "wanted to be self-employed". Mr Rosen has piloted two other companies to insolvency, attracting press comment, and Mr Cooper

per was a co-director of one company.

The way M&M Spanish Homes operated and the legal position of money paid to it appeared, according to one accountant at the creditors' meeting, "completely unclear", but its commercial activities seemed quite straightforward.

'Expert advice on investment projects'

M&M's brochure offers a range of services, from "expert advice on any investment project" to help on the technical and practical aspects of buying or developing property in the Marbella area. The company was an estate agent-cum-property developer.

In the Bennetts' case they paid £50,000 on account, for which they got a plot of land — and a villa was to be built on it.

Mr Bennett says he is in dispute with the Spanish builder who will not release the title (over which the builder has a claim in Spanish law), and he claims the £50,000 he gave Mr Cooper did not go through a Spanish bank account. If this is the case it creates another technical problem in Spanish law.

M&M's role in the acquisition of land and development of property is not clear. Some facts, however, can be distilled from the complex web of

dealing which surrounds M&M.

A statement of affairs prepared on behalf of the company for the creditors' meeting put the amount owing to unsecured creditors at £73,030, a figure that Mr Rosen subsequently claimed should have been smaller. That statement of indebtedness did not include a number of cases such as the Bennetts' and those of other individual clients of M&M who claim to be owed money by the company.

Despite having managed three companies which failed, Mr Rosen is, in his own words, "a man of substantial wealth". He says: "I have been for some years. It's not a crime, is it?" He adds that the first company went under 23 years ago.

Mr and Mrs Bennett have handed over about £53,000 to M&M — the extra £3,000 they gave Mr Cooper was for furniture they have never seen or used — for an unfinished villa in Spain, the title of which is now in dispute.

Their initial bill from the lawyers who now represent them is a handsome £4,000.

But Mr Rosen is adamant that the majority of clients who have dealt with M&M are satisfied with the service they have received, and that Mr Bennett has had "value for money".

Mr Rosen says: "We are not

stealing clients' money." He claims M&M has dealt with 1,400 to 1,500 clients over almost 10 years.

If Mr Rosen's claim that clients are happy is true, the same cannot be said for the trade creditors. Vaughn Hartman's advertising company is owed approximately

More legal action being considered

£22,000 by M&M. Mr Hartman decided matters should be brought to a head in April. "I decided I couldn't go on. They (M&M) made promise after promise, but nothing was done," he said.

What can and will be done in this particular case remains to be seen. Some creditors are considering further legal action.

In general, however, there

are some lessons to be learned from a sad tale. Mr Bennett's biggest regret is "believing in a company which said they dealt with it all for you". He said: "I wish I'd used English lawyers from the start."

Michael Soul, an English solicitor specializing in Spanish property transactions, would agree: "People shouldn't pay money to anyone other than the owner of the property they're buying, and they can tell the owner is by instructing a lawyer."

The Estate Agents Act 1979 requires agents to keep "clients' money" on a separate account. Unfortunately, that provision, which would make it so much easier to trace a would-be purchaser's cash, does not apply to contracts to acquire properties outside the UK. Mr and Mrs Bennett must be cursing their luck.

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UNIT TRUSTS

Epic takeover battles such as the bid for Woolworth by Dixons Group, which failed this week, should in theory prove a great boost for the "special situations" unit trusts, as indeed should the many smaller-scale bids that have dominated the UK stock market in recent times.

However, quite apart from the fact that the fund managers must have actually picked the right stocks, it is worth bearing in mind that a takeover bid is only one sort of special situation, and the phrase special situation is a fairly vague one in any event. "I don't buy a share simply on the basis that it could be taken over," explains Kenneth Levy, of Capel Cure Myers, who is manager of the successful Vanguard Special Situations Unit Trust. It has increased by more than 40 per cent during the past year, almost tripled over three years and more than quadrupled over five years, according to the latest published statistics from Money Management.

Mr Levy adds: "I buy first on the fundamentals, taking into account whether I like the sector and, if so, which are the best value companies, what

they do, what the management and profit record are like.

"If the possibility of a company I like being taken over is thrown in for free or for a small premium, then I will take it up."

Special situations in Mr Levy's book also do not mean a quick punt on a speculative situation: "I very rarely deal within the Stock Exchange account. In fact, I can hardly recall the last time we did so."

So what does count as special for him? One example is GT Global Recovery, an investment trust that is due to be wound up in March 1988. At the moment its share price is standing at a 15 per cent discount to the value of the underlying assets, that is, the shareholdings it owns.

Experience shows that these limited life investment trusts are often snapped up by a predator - usually around nine months before they expire. If this does happen it will produce a handsome gain for the unit trust, and Capel Cure discretionary clients between them have 24 per cent of the

trust, which puts the firm in a nice position to influence the course of any takeover bid.

And even if the bid does not materialize, the holding provides a nice 15 per cent cushion against any fall in the market.

John Alexander, the 27-year-old manager of TR Special Opportunities, which has increased by more than 50 per cent during the past year, defines one stereotype special situation as a company capitalized at less than £15 million, which is under-researched and under-brokered. "Shares that nobody else wants are another type I look for," he says. He quotes the example of Wolstenholme Rink, the chemicals to powder coating company, which he bought after the company pulled out of a disastrous business venture.

He originally bought them at 180p and sold them at 290p. When they fell back he bought them again at 176p, as against a current price of around 230p.

In effect, it appears that Mr Alexander's definition of a special situation is often a subjective one. In other words, that the companies are special to him.

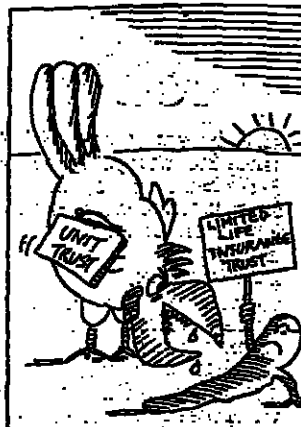
This is borne out by the fact that he generally makes a point of meeting those people who run the companies in which the trust is invested. This must be advantageous as much more will often be said in a private discussion than is available from either public statements or research material.

Of course, you still have to ask the right questions to elicit the information. Other candidates for this particular trust are companies where the assets are undervalued or there has just been a change in management.

Mr Alexander has also had his fair share of takeover situations which have crystallized. For instance, he bought Dupont at 50p and then accepted the bid in the form of shares in the bidding company which valued Dupont at 130p a share.

Then there was Coin Industries which he bought in the mid-1950s and accepted the share offer for the company, valuing his shares at 120p each.

He is also prepared to admit to failure. He bought TSC Thermal Syndicate, which makes Silicon products for the semi-conductor industry, at



140p and sold them at 295p. But then he went back in again buying 60,000 at 210p. This week they stood at around the 120p mark.

"I didn't do enough work. I got out right at the top. I just did not make enough inquiries," he says.

Most unit trusts with the "special" designation tend to focus more or less exclusively in the domestic market. However, the fund sitting pretty at the top of the table on a one-year view is the Baring Japan Special fund, which is showing a return on £1,000 of £1,757.

James Williams, a director of Baring Fund Managers, points out that this unit trust is run by a Mr Nagamine, from Tokyo. In common with Baring's general policy for its unit trusts, this £16 million trust is invested in a concentrated list of stocks. At the moment there are approximately 26 stocks in the trust. According to Mr Williams, Mr Nagamine has displayed "remarkably good stock selection, particularly in smaller companies".

The trust, for instance, made a 100 per cent profit on its investment in a company called Gakkkyusha, which runs cramming courses for schoolchildren before they take their exams.

If you are thinking in terms of special situations unit trusts, then choose your trust with care. The disparities in the performance shown up by the table illustrates that some managers are far better at sniffing out something special than others.

Lawrence Lever

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Current value of £1,000 to June 1st 1986

Fund	5 years £	3 years £	1 year £
Baltic Special Sits	-	-	1055
Barclays Unicorn Special Sits	2368	1890	1211
Equitable Special Sits	-	-	1227
Fidelity Special Sits	3256	2136	1379
Gartmore Special Sits	2148	1973	1246
Govett UK Special Opps	-	-	1162
Henderson Special Sits	3204	1777	1188
Hill Samuel Special Sits	2546	1563	1150
Holborn Special Sits	-	-	-
Legal & Gen UK Special Sits	-	2548	1341
Proffitt Special Sits	-	1917	1230
Quadrant Special Sits	2234	-	1230
Royal London Special Sits	-	1792	1211
S & P Special Sits	-	1611	1187
Schroder Special Sits	1979	1323	1182
Sentinel Special Sits	-	-	1354
Simon & Coates Special Sits	2297	1889	901
Target Special Sits	2841	1905	1152
Tyndal Special Sits	-	2514	1543
TSB Select Opportunity	-	-	1251
Vanguard Special Sits	4280	1938	1442
Allied Dunbar Amer Spec Sits	-	-	1065
Fidelity American Spec Sits	1541	952	1048
Target European Spec Sits	-	-	1672
Baring Japan Special	-	-	1757
Fidelity Japan Spec Sits	-	-	1510
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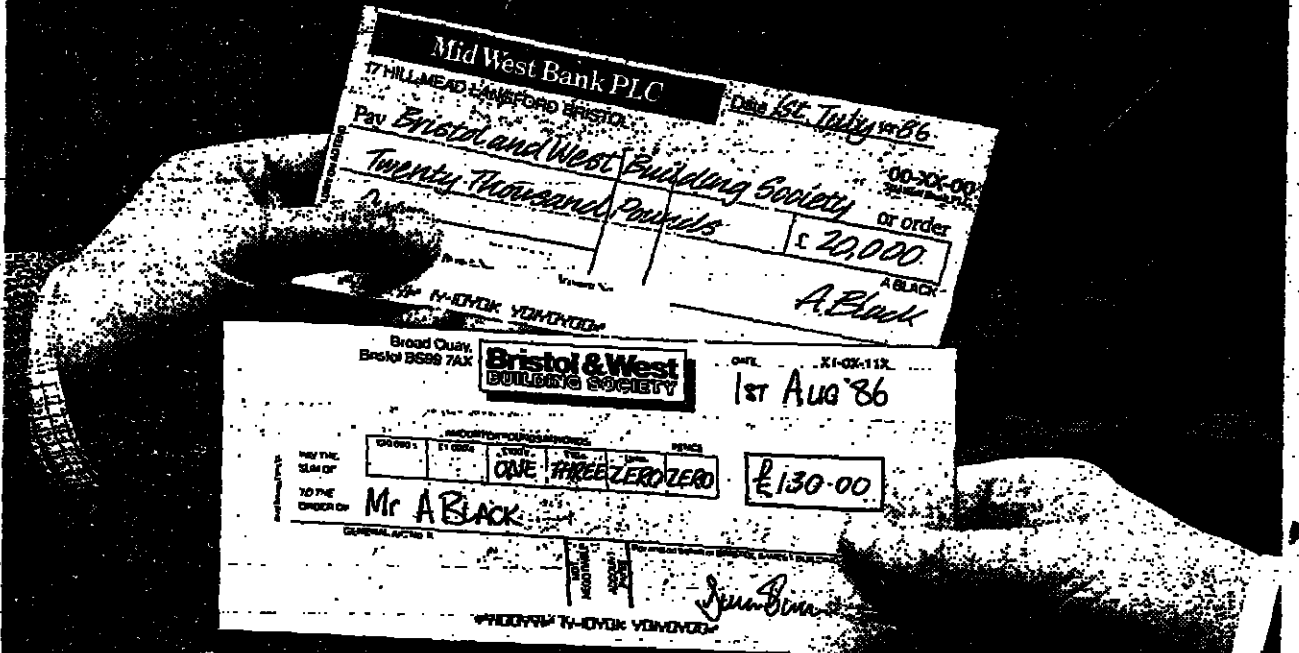
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Tax man seals an escape route One decibel below a grant

PROPERTY

Amendments to the 1986 Finance Bill, now going through Parliament, have clamped down on one of the more exotic forms of avoiding capital transfer tax (now renamed inheritance tax).

Under the old rules the insurer, Premium Life, was marketing the Asset Protection Plan, a scheme whereby the person with assets to shield used a form of whole life insurance policy to avoid CTT.

It worked like this. The person took out the policy but paid only one premium, usually about 5 or 6 per cent of the sum assured. The policy was put in a trust with named beneficiaries. The second premium became payable only on death and was much larger, but it could, clearly, be paid out of the assets of the estate.

Once the second premium was paid, the insurance company then paid over the policy proceeds to the named beneficiaries, free of CTT. Nothing was forthcoming if the second premium was not paid from the estate.

The amendment killing off this scheme denies a deduction from the estate of a deceased person for a liability relating to a life insurance policy unless the full proceeds of that policy form part of the death estate. Clearly, Premium Life's Asset Protection Plan would not meet that requirement.

The new rule came into force for all policies issued on or after July 1, 1986. The position of those who took out policies before that date remains unclear.

"Our understanding was that the scheme worked under the old rules," said Peter Connor, of Premium Life. "We took the view that the Asset Protection Plan was no more offensive to the Revenue than other CTT avoidance schemes such as the discounted gift scheme."

Other insurance companies say they decided not to issue similar policies because their legal advice was that the scheme probably wouldn't work.

So far the Revenue has not challenged any of Premium Life's existing Asset Protection Plan holders who may therefore, have got under the CTT net.

The next time you are driving on the M25 thinking how easy it now is to circle London, spare a thought for the thousands of home-owners whose lives have been made a financial and emotional nightmare by the noise from this £1,000 million orbital road.

In 1976 David and Iris Bennett bought a detached house, today worth about £100,000, in New Haw, Surrey. They chose the location, "for some peace and quiet", when Mr Bennett was discharged from the police force after a serious road accident.

But their dreams of a quiet retirement have now been well and truly shattered. The M25 has been built about 200 metres from their home. The view they now have from their bedroom window is of lorries and cars hurtling along the elevated section of the road.

Mr Bennett, who is now registered as disabled, said: "Since the motorway was built there is a constant roaring noise. I have had to install double glazing for health reasons. It cost me over £4,000 and the Department of Transport is refusing to offer me a grant for it."

"It does not seem fair as my next-door neighbour has been offered a grant and the distance between our houses is only about 12 feet."

You would think that being 200 metres from the busiest stretch of the entire motorway, the Bennetts would automatically qualify for insulation against traffic noise. But you would be wrong.

There are two conditions for qualifying for insulation. The Bennetts' home meets the distance criterion - of being within 300 metres of the motorway - but according to the Department of Transport

"The difference is imperceptible"

the noise level at the property is not sufficient to qualify. The specified level of noise must, in simple terms, equal or exceed 68 decibels over a particular time period. The Department of Transport calculations for noise levels on different sides of the Bennetts' house varied from the lowest of 64 decibels to 67 decibels - just one decibel below the limit.

A chartered surveyor, Robert Turner, of Cubitt and West, explained the significance of the readings: "A



Home, sweet home: For the Bennetts the M25 turned peace into traffic roar

difference of one decibel is imperceptible to the human ear. The whole law of noise insulation really requires an overhaul. The noise level at the magic figure of 68 is awful."

A spokesman for Runnymede Council, the local authority that acts as agent for the Department of Transport in organizing the insulation, agreed: "The regulations are very hard. The qualifying level is far above what most people would find acceptable. In many offices a lot of typewriters clattering all day long would register levels in the low 60s."

"The adjacent houses to the Bennetts' have had offers of some measure of insulation. There is the first house that has not been included. You have got to draw the line somewhere."

Mr and Mrs Bennett appealed against the department's decision but their appeal was rejected. The department's spokesman

commented: "Mr and Mrs Bennett appealed against the decision and the department sent an expert down to the property to measure the noise. He concluded that the noise was not up to the necessary level."

"It has all been explained to them in a letter. If we started 'Compensation rules are far less strict'

paying out for noise levels of 67, people with levels of 66 would start complaining."

They are not going to give up the fight for financial assistance for the double glazing. Mr Bennett explained: "I do not expect all of my £4,000

But help with insulation is not the only avenue open to home owners whose properties are affected by new roads. The 1973 Land Compensation Act allows claims for compensation for depreciation in the value of property from noise.

Robert Turner, who has already settled 1,150 claims for compensation on this stretch of the motorway, said: "Fewer than 3 per cent of my clients who were successful in getting compensation for loss of value will get help with double glazing."

"The rules for compensation are far less strict. There is no requirement for decibel readings or distance limit. It is purely a subjective argument on the loss of value."

"You could have a million-pound property one mile away from the motorway where a buzz in the background would affect the value. But a two-up, two-down terrace property which could be much nearer would be valued differently."

Mr and Mrs Bennett have recently been offered £1,650 compensation but as Mr Turner explained: "They are waiting for the dust to settle before deciding whether to accept."

Susan Fieldman

Figures to prove trust

There are statistics to prove that some unit trust managers are better than others.

According to the latest figures from *Planned Savings* magazine, fund managers such as Edinburgh Fund Managers, GT, Mercury, Schroder, Prolific, Barrington, Perpetual, Henderson, Gartmore and Framlington have on average performed rather better than other groups in the last year.

Longer term, groups such as GT, Prolific and Perpetual have consistently turned in a better-than-average performance.

The statistics are based on the value of £100 invested over various periods in the funds of the individual groups. In reality, of course, you would not be able to spread an investment as small as £100 between unit trusts. The figures are weighted to take account of the size of each fund, and 30 groups are monitored.

Perpetual has the most impressive track record, hitting the top spot over the 10-year, nine-year, eight-year and five-year periods, with two second places, one third, one fourth and one seventh. GT is a close runner-up, never having been lower than 12 and with several top positions to its credit.

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The British Stockmarket has been strong for a number of years, which is why many investors are now looking at overseas markets for new investment opportunities. But concentration in one particular area can produce very volatile investment results, and this year's high flier can often be next year's poor performer. You should be wary of short-term performance claims, such as the "Over 50% growth in just five months" quoted recently for a European unit trust.

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FAMILY MONEY/4

£100m for mortgages

Building societies, banks, and lately life and pensions offices have been displaying Boy Scout eagerness to pump money into the mortgage market.

The latest and freshest face is Allied Dunbar, the unlinked life and pensions office. Allied Dunbar Home Loans aims to lead more than £100 million in its first year. Larger loans are treated favourably. Anything more than £75,000 is lent at 10.5 per cent - around 11.2 per cent as an annual percentage rate. Loans are, of course, of the endowment or pension type.

Other, more established lenders are trying to remain competitive. The Mortgage Corporation, backed by the American investment bank Salomon Brothers, has cut the rate charged on its endowment loans to 10.25 per cent. This is consistent with its stated intention of undercutting the market.

Financial intermediaries Fairchild's have negotiated £10 million of mortgage funds at 10.5 per cent from National Bank of Australia, though the rate charged is "variable".

Details: Allied Dunbar 0793 28291; Fairchild's - 01-839 3182; Mortgage Corporation 01-834 8444.

Cheques charge doubled

Both Midland and Lloyds Banks on Tuesday doubled the counter charges for cashing cheques for customers of other banks. Neither bank made any announcement of the decision. The cost is now £1 per cheque, while Barclays levies 75p and National Westminster makes non-customers pay 50p per transaction. "We are deterring our customers' interests. We want to discourage other banks' customers from using our branches and impairing the service we give to our customers," said a Midland spokesman. "We are protecting our customers," echoed the man from Barclays.

The Midland added a darker, almost apocalyptic, tone to the affair with a comment worthy of a warmongering politician: "We want to maintain our deterrent. In true cold war style, he then highlighted the simultaneous increase from Lloyds, which he blamed for the Midland increase. Although it is heartening to know of the banks' concern for our welfare, it surely is rather irksome to have to pay a fee which would amount to a 4 per cent transaction charge on a cheque of £25.

Free cover

Free accident insurance for travel to and from work or on holiday is provided free to National Westminster Access cardholders. Provided the fare is paid through Access, cardholders are protected free of charge

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There is no need to fill in a proposal form and if you are unfortunate enough to have a claim you simply send in the sales voucher for the tickets purchased.

£10 incentive

Lloyds Bank is offering £10 cash to first-year students who open a current account by the end of October - £2 more than last year. In addition, the Lloyds student loan package includes an overdraft of up to £200, a cheque book, a Cashpoint card and cheque guarantee card, and an Access card with a £200 credit limit. Meanwhile, the bank's Higher Education Loan offers parents a borrowing facility of up to £2,000 a year at concessionary rates to help fund their youngsters' education.

Facts of death

Amazingly, many people like to plan their own funerals in advance - paying the funeral director, for instance, or saving up for a decent wake through an insurance scheme. Age Concern says this certainly happens, and is offering a free fact sheet to help



them. Age Concern believes one of the worst things about bereavement is coping with the practicalities, such as the funeral and registering the death. Its fact sheet gives comprehensive advice on what to do about these and other problems - claiming the death grant, for instance. All useful stuff, and you can get it by sending a large stamped addressed envelope marked "Funerals Factsheet" to 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL.

Customer's perk

The current battle for mortgage business is producing some interesting spin-offs for home-buyers. The Cheshire Building Society is giving a Guaranteed Mortgage Card to borrowers who have been with the society for two years. This guarantees them a mortgage at any time in the future, but the really useful perk is a 50 per cent discount, worth up to £50, on their valuation fee when they apply for the next loan.

Just for expats

The updated version of the Allied Dunbar Expat Tax and Investment Guide is published this week, and is available in most bookshops at £3.50. The second edition contains details of the new inheritance tax, the phasing-out of foreign earnings deductions and the effects of anti-avoidance measures, as well as a guide to the do's and don'ts of going abroad and returning home.

Foreign choice

International situations are not diplomatic incidents, footballing clashes, or clips from Dallas. They are investment opportunities, according to Hambros Unit Trust Managers. The Hambros International Situations Trust can invest just about anywhere in the world, and will do so if the occasion arises. The managers say they will pay particular attention to the expected strength of the currency in which a particular security is denominated. Investors in Japan will remember that a year ago the prices of Japanese unit trusts were falling, even though the Nikkei Dow average was hitting record peaks. Currency management is rare among unit trusts.

Units are offered at a fixed price of 50p until July 15. The minimum investment is £1,000.

Buying Spanish

Just out: *Buying Property in Spain*, the latest publication from accountants Clark Whitehill. The firm has specialised in this area and has offices in both Marbella and Malaga, where British expatriates living in Spain can get tax advice.



The booklet covers the restrictions on purchases of property by foreigners, the contract, raising the finance, exchange control, costs and taxes, and all the detail associated with buying property in Spain. The booklet is available free from Clark Whitehill, 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN (01-353 1577).

More credit

Barclaycard is raising the limit on the amount of cash obtainable on its Premier Card from £100 a day to £250. The card can be used at nearly 15,000 cash dispensers in 20 countries throughout the world. The card, like other premium cards, is aimed at higher earners, those with an annual income of at least £20,000. There is no pre-set spending limit and cardholders can obtain a minimum unsecured overdraft of £7,500 at 2.5 per cent over bank base rate. Joining fee is £10 and there is an annual subscription fee of £40. Details from Barclays Bank branches.

Out of date

The tax system as it affects husband and wife is in need of reform, said the Treasury minister Peter Brooke, at an exhibition for women entrepreneurs. He said: "The present system is not appropriate for modern times. Many of you will have experienced the absurdity that a married woman has no right to privacy in tax matters, and cannot fill in her own tax return, even if she runs her own business.

As one such businesswoman commented: "The law implies that I am capable of running my own business, which handles tax affairs, but not capable of running my own tax affairs." The Government published a Green Paper on the taxation of husband and wife at the time of the Budget and is asking for views from interested parties.

Pupils' peril

Schoolchildren could be subjected to subtle advertising as a result of the shortage of cash for new textbooks, warned Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council. "Schools starved of funds for text books are eagerly using instead educational material produced for schools by industry and commerce.

The time has come for guidelines about control of the content to ensure that children are not subjected to glorified advertising," he said. In the area of finance children are particularly vulnerable as the institutions have plenty of spare cash to produce educational material.

Pension facts you must be given

PENSIONS

Regulations covering the compulsory disclosure of information to pension fund members have been published this week and come into force from November 1.

From that date your employer will have to provide certain information regarding the pension scheme and your benefits, automatically - with additional information available on request.

You will have the right to information on your company pension scheme, including conditions of membership, eligibility, contribution levels and how they are calculated, benefits, and other details within 12 weeks of joining a company.

At retirement age you will be automatically entitled to a statement of benefits and if you die before retirement age, dependents or other beneficiaries are equally entitled to know what the death in service benefits are, and who is eligible.

Many pension schemes, particularly the large ones, provide this information already, although some of the booklets produced to describe the scheme to new employees leave a lot to be desired in terms of the amount of detail given and the clarity with which the scheme is explained.

But employees who are in a scheme which is wound up have new rights under the regulations. They will be legally entitled to a statement of their benefits and must be told where they can get further information once the scheme has been formally wound up.

The new regulations also give employees the right to a statement of benefits once a year; but this will not be given automatically, you will have to make a request.

Similarly, if you change jobs, your former pension scheme must inform you of your benefit entitlement, rights and options.

The best pension schemes already provide annual benefit statements and explanatory literature on how the scheme works. But there are thousands of small pension schemes which provide little or nothing in the way of information.

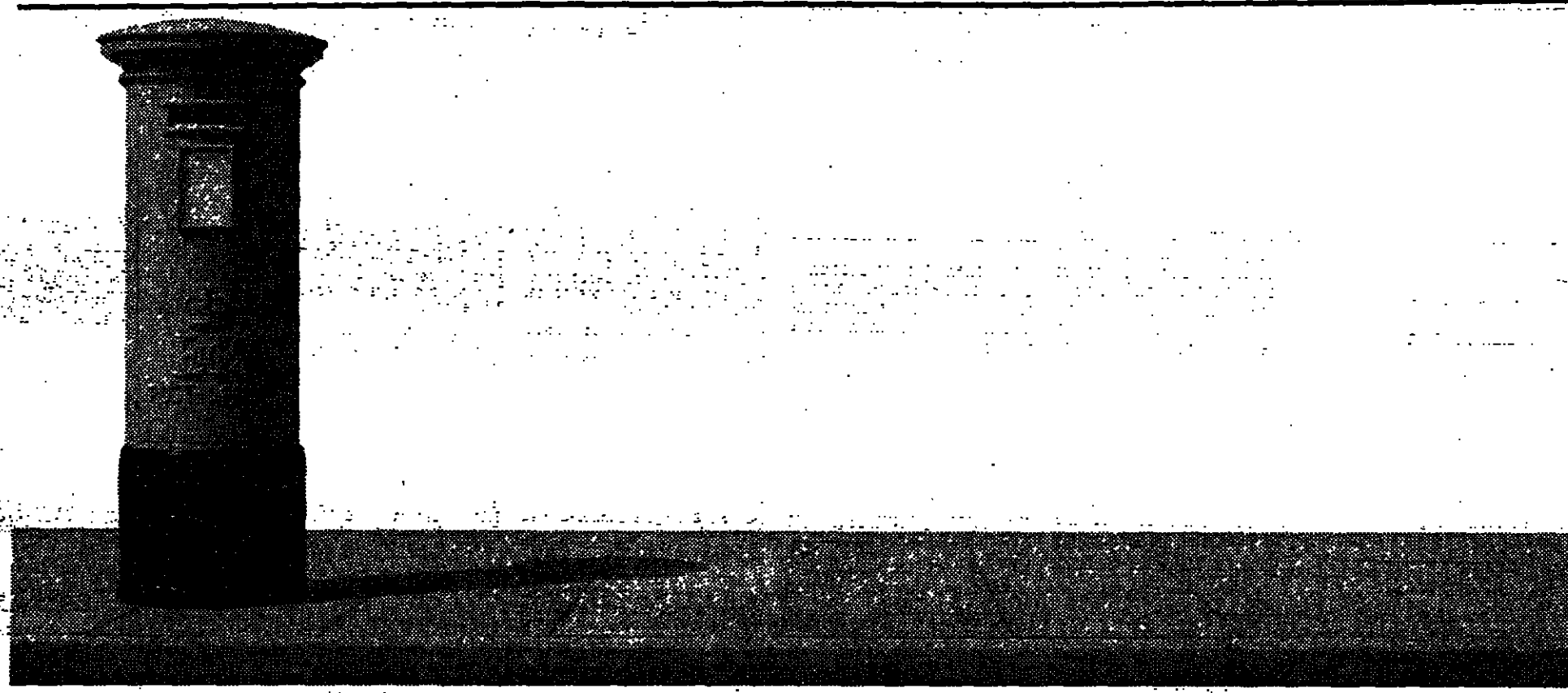
For example, few pension schemes bother to let former members (job-changers) know what their deferred-pension entitlement is once the em-



ployee has left the company. Corinne Serjeant, of the National Association of Pension Funds, said: "A lot of pension funds are having to face up to a number of changes."

The association, which represents most of the leading pension funds, has a code of conduct for the disclosure of information and it also runs the Golden Pen awards for companies that produce the best pension scheme annual report and accounts.

Companies that have won the award or been runners-up include Metal Box, Bank Hovis McDougall, British Telecom, The Post Office, Reed International, British Oxygen, Airways Pension Scheme, National Coal Board, Tate & Lyle, Debenhams, Fisons and ICI.



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PERSONAL

ENTERTAINMENTS

Entry-fee condition met by halfpenny

Regina v Bodmin Crown Court, Ex parte Young. Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Balcombe. [Judgment given July 2] A condition in a liquor licence which permitted the sale of alcohol only to bona fide visitors to a recreation park who had paid a "designated entrance fee" was satisfied even if that fee was the minimum legal tender.

The complex attracted about 300,000 visitors a year. On entering, visitors paid £1.80 to gain access and that entitled them to tour the mine and visit other amusements. At the end of 1982 the applicant decided to apply for a full on-licence for his restaurant and to provide a bar which was not restricted to users of the restaurant.

He advertised and issued brochures which disclosed in full what his plans were if the licence was made final. The victuallers' association did not oppose the application for that licence. But a warning was delivered by the chairman of the justices to the applicant that they would be watching carefully for the observance of the conditions. There were some 16 visits by police officers to monitor the applicant's performance of the conditions.

objection to the renewal of the licence and the justices refused to renew it. The grounds were that there had been repeated breaches of the condition the applicant was not a suitable person to hold a licence. The crown court refused the applicant's appeal and said that he had reacted to the justices' generosity by imposing a "devisory" entrance fee and that that showed bad faith.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that in 1965 the applicant bought a disused tin mine and in 1974 he opened it to the public as a tourist resort which provided entertainment and recreation and also had a restaurant with a licence.

At that stage only a provisional application was being sought. The justices granted the licence on the conditions, inter alia, that intoxicating liquor might only be sold or supplied to persons who were (a) bona fide visitors at the complex having paid the designated entrance fee or as a member of an organized tour exempt from payment for admission, or (b) persons taking bona fide table meals for consumption as an ancillary to that meal.

The victuallers' association successfully pursued the objection to the renewal of the licence and the justices refused to renew it. The grounds were that there had been repeated breaches of the condition the applicant was not a suitable person to hold a licence.

Temporary custody of shotgun was unlawful possession

Hampton Court. He was to claim them, and his physical custody of them extended beyond the period of the holiday with the first defendant. Those facts were distinguishable from those in the Cathness case.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER, in considering the application of the definition of "transfer" in section 57(4), said that on the facts found the position of neither defendant fell within the words "hire" or "give". Did they fall within the phrase "lend and part with possession"? If the phrase was to be read disjunctively the court had to consider whether or not the words were apt to include "parting with possession" in some sense other than the proprietary possession which was, on the authority of Sullivan v Earl of Cathness (1976) QB 963, retained by the first defendant.

As a matter of law, no doubt there was a distinction between "custody" and "possession" although in many cases the former would necessarily involve the latter. "Custody" and "possession" were certainly equated in drugs cases where one person knowingly had custody of drugs for another.

On the facts, custody coupled with the knowledge of such custody must be equated with "possession". The second defendant had "custodial possession". Such custody could only arise by at least a custodial interest being transferred from one defendant to the other and fall within the phrase "lend and part with possession".

THE LEAVING OF SHOTGUNS AT ANOTHER'S HOUSE FOR CLEANING AND SAFEKEEPING WHILE BOTH PARTIES WERE ON HOLIDAY WAS A TRANSFER OF FIREARMS WITHIN SECTION 57(4) OF THE FIREARMS ACT 1968 AND THE RECIPIENT'S CUSTODY OF THE GUNS WAS CUSTODIAL POSSESSION WITHIN SECTION 2(1) OF THE ACT.

THE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISIONAL COURT SO HELD IN A RESERVED JUDGMENT ALLOWING THE PROSECUTOR'S APPEAL AGAINST THE DISMISSAL OF A CHARGE AGAINST THE FIRST DEFENDANT, SAMUEL CORTON, THAT HE HAD TRANSFERRED TO A PERSON OTHER THAN A REGISTERED FIREARMS DEALER TWO SHOTGUNS CONTRARY TO SECTION 3(2) OF THE FIREARMS ACT 1968, AND A CHARGE AGAINST THE SECOND DEFENDANT, KENNETH ERIC TREADWELL, THAT HE, NOT HOLDING A SHOTGUN CERTIFICATE IN FORCE AT THE TIME, HAD A SHOTGUN IN HIS POSSESSION CONTRARY TO SECTION 2(1) OF THE ACT.

THE DEFINITION OF "TRANSFER" COMMENCED WITH "INCLUDES" AND THEREFORE, SUBJECT TO THE QUIESCENT GENERIS RULE, THE DEFINITION WAS NOT EXCLUSIVE OR EXHAUSTIVE.

On the facts, the second defendant had had more than "the barest custody" which Mr Justice May, in the Cathness case, found to be the position of Lord Cathness's mother at

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RACING: TRAINER COLE CAN COLLECT AT FOUR DIFFERENT COURSES

Dancing Brave to reassert his superiority in Eclipse

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The form of this year's Derby will be put to the test again when Dancing Brave...

Already Shafrastani, who got less credit than both he and Walter Swinburn...

Until now we do not really know how the current classic crop compares with other generations...

More often than not it takes a pretty special three-year-old to beat top class older horses in this particular race.

Having so nearly caught that speedy filly Orient at Ascot two weeks ago...

After the Derby arguments raged about the way that Greville Starkey rode him...

Every bit as important as when he won his classic at Newmarket he also showed that he can be ridden up with



Sarab may not stem King's River

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The composition of the field for the group three Phoenix Stakes at this afternoon's Phoenix Park...

The English trio are headed by another much travelled older horse, the Paul Cole-trained Sarab...

Mr John has had a busy time of it in both the English and the Irish Derbys. The most probable winner appears to be King's River...

Dancing Brave, the Derby runner-up, who competes against senior rivals for the first time in Sandown's Eclipse Stakes.

Maazi in the Victoria Amateur Turf Club Handicap at Sandown, just as he was when they won the last race at Epsom on Derby Day...

Other fancies on the Lancashire track must be Mill On The Floss (2.30) and Russian Noble (3.0), following those good runs at Royal Ascot...

Today's five course specialists

- SANDOWN JOCKEYS: A McGee, 13 winners from 151 rides... BEVERLEY TRAINERS: M Stoute, 19 winners from 52 runners... NOTTINGHAM JOCKEYS: S Caughan, 28 winners from 157 rides...

SANDOWN PARK

Televised: 2.0, 2.30, 3.5

Going: good to firm. Draw: high numbers best

2.0 TRAFALGAR HOUR SPRING STAKES (E11,745: 5f) (10 runners)

- 101 126-30 PETROVICH (C) (J) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9
- 102 30-000 POLYTRONIX (M) (Parozzi) M E Francis 4-0-0 C Rafter (9)
- 103 102-000 G. GARDNER (C) (J) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9

2.0 TRESURE KAY, 4.10 SILENT MAJORITY (EJ,21: 2m) (11)

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HAYDOCK PARK

Going: firm. Draw: 6f-11m, low numbers best

2.0 EBF JULY MAIDEN FLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,008: 6f) (7 runners)

- 4 COME ON DYSTON (Oyston Estate Agency) J Barry 8-11 W Carson 9
- 2 KYLE (M) (G) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9
- 10 LITTLE NOBLE (Nora) (C) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9

2.0 YACHT, 15-8 KILDEWILL, 7-1 UZAKO, 10-1 FIDELITY (EJ,21: 2m) (11)

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Cauthen poised

Academy, who is trained at Cauthen, Hilda Jentzsch, can give Steve Cauthen a winning ride in tomorrow's Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud...

Unexpected winner for Waldron

Philip Waldron, who started his racing career as an apprentice at Kingsclere with Ian Balding, was reunited unexpectedly with his old owner to ride the winner, Golden Braid...

Two fallers at Haydock

Rain on firm going resulted in a slippery ground at Haydock yesterday, when there were two fallers in the Leo Roche Maiden Fillies Stakes...

Haydock selections

- 2.0 YACHT, 15-8 KILDEWILL, 7-1 UZAKO, 10-1 FIDELITY (EJ,21: 2m) (11)
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- 2.15 (7f) 40y1, 1 MILLICENT (F) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9
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Parting company

Barry Hills, the Lambourn trainer, and his New Zealand-based partner company at the end of the season. Hills said: 'Things have not worked out quite as well as I thought this season and I am going to try without a stable jockey next year.'

BATH

- 2.0 OAKHILL SELLING STAKES (E994: 1m 6y) (14 runners)
- 1 0000 TRINERAST (C) (J) (Horse) 4-0-0 W Carson 9

Bath selections

- 2.0 Take the Biscuit, 2.30 Fire Rocket, 3.0 Aldino, 3.30 Zephyr, 4.0 Lady Bishop, 4.30 Tez Shikari, 5.0 Useful.

Beverley

- 2.15 Skerne Rocket, 2.45 Felipe Toro, 3.15 Thresh It Out, 3.45 Height of Summer, 4.15 Al Shamikh, 4.45 Blow the Whistle, 5.15 The Clown.

Nottingham

- 6.15 Masbur, 6.45 Mandar, 7.15 Gibberish, 7.45 Green's Herring, 8.15 Sporting Sovereign.

Sandown results

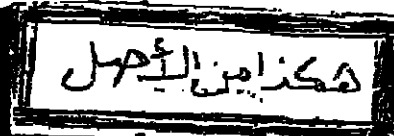
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Blindered first time

- SANDOWN: 2.40 Teahurst, 3.00 Zaubur, 4.00 Maccabees, 5.00 Maccabees, 6.00 Maccabees, 7.00 Maccabees, 8.00 Maccabees, 9.00 Maccabees, 10.00 Maccabees, 11.00 Maccabees, 12.00 Maccabees, 13.00 Maccabees, 14.00 Maccabees, 15.00 Maccabees, 16.00 Maccabees, 17.00 Maccabees, 18.00 Maccabees, 19.00 Maccabees, 20.00 Maccabees, 21.00 Maccabees, 22.00 Maccabees, 23.00 Maccabees, 24.00 Maccabees, 25.00 Maccabees, 26.00 Maccabees, 27.00 Maccabees, 28.00 Maccabees, 29.00 Maccabees, 30.00 Maccabees, 31.00 Maccabees, 32.00 Maccabees, 33.00 Maccabees, 34.00 Maccabees, 35.00 Maccabees, 36.00 Maccabees, 37.00 Maccabees, 38.00 Maccabees, 39.00 Maccabees, 40.00 Maccabees, 41.00 Maccabees, 42.00 Maccabees, 43.00 Maccabees, 44.00 Maccabees, 45.00 Maccabees, 46.00 Maccabees, 47.00 Maccabees, 48.00 Maccabees, 49.00 Maccabees, 50.00 Maccabees, 51.00 Maccabees, 52.00 Maccabees, 53.00 Maccabees, 54.00 Maccabees, 55.00 Maccabees, 56.00 Maccabees, 57.00 Maccabees, 58.00 Maccabees, 59.00 Maccabees, 60.00 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CRICKET: KENT CUT LOOSE BEFORE THEY ARE CUT SHORT

Hinks leads challenge with the second century of his career

By Richard Streeton
MIDSTONE: Kent (5pts) drew with Somerset (6)...

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the last 20 overs began and Garner returned to slow the run rate. Taylor 'worked' most of his runs to the leg side...



Breezy: Edmonds takes a hearty stroke but is bowled by Chetan Sharma yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

McMillan frustrates championship drive

By Peter Marson
A fine innings by Brian McMillan, who made 136, and a steadfast eighth wicket partnership of 59 runs in 26 overs...

At Grace Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, occupied the crest until 2.30, when they then declared at 251 for eight against Hampshire...

Danish sting catches trophy and Bermuda

By Mike Berry
Sparkling strokeplay from Allan Horn, who made 100, completed it, by hitting the last ball on the 26th over...

Medlycott puts Middlesex in a spin

By Peter Ball
UXBRIDGE: Surrey (23pts) beat Middlesex (7) by 197 runs. An astonishing collapse by Middlesex, who lost their last nine wickets in 90 minutes...

It was a triumph for Keith Medlycott, their young left arm spinner, who exploited the turn and uneven bounce to claim five wickets...

Suddenly, as fieldsmen clustered around the bat and the spinners found bite and disconcerting bounce as well as turn, survival looked an impossible ambition...

Radley proved more resilient and with Hughes also showing signs of sticking around, they saw Middlesex into the final 20 overs without further accidental blows...

The final 20 overs, however, proved their undoing. Pocock immediately made one run and bite at Radley, who could only fend it to short leg...

Redgrave puts on double act coasting home

By Jim Railton
The third day of Henley Royal Regatta started with a tough race in the Ladies' Challenge Cup Plate. Dublin's Neptune Rowing Club beat London University by half a length but not before the Irish crew had been pressured to within a canvas of the Mole...

Neptune have another hard race on their hands today when they meet part of the Irish establishment represented by Garda Siochana. Garda, just before noon, took out Princeton University's gallant lightweight crew by a length and three-quarters...

There was never more than three-quarters of a length between the crews and after a long struggle, the Irish crew emerged victorious by a third of a length. Len Robertson, from the winning crew, started his glittering career with a world junior silver medal in Amsterdam almost two decades ago...

Despite this wind, Andy Holmes and Redgrave breezed over the course with a substantial lead banked early on over the 1000m mark. The day although the water was just slightly ruffled by the persistent cross head wind...

By the afternoon the clouds had rolled over the regatta but the day although the water was just slightly ruffled by the persistent cross head wind. The Grand opens up today with Great Britain's national eight rowing as Nautilus against a tough and rugged university eight from Wisconsin...

Batting practice delays NZealanders' victory

By Ivo Tennant
CHELMSFORD: New Zealand beat Essex (10pts) by 100 runs. The New Zealanders made heavy work of achieving their first victory over county opposition on this tour...

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Cambridge in double quick time

By Alan Gibson
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Victory would have been achieved sooner had not the Essex batsmen, understandably shuffled their batsmen. It will take a late test just before the start...

The weather was grey, although the sun shone at intervals. The stands still gaped mightily, the pitch played easily, as it has done all through the match. Thorne reached his hundred just after tea, with the total at 263 for seven...

Getting promoted

Hampshire have drafted in Tony Middleton and Richard Spofforth. Spofforth, a former Test cricketer, will be making his debut against Somerset at Taunton to cover the absence of the three key players...

Larkins out

Northamptonshire will be without Wayne Larkins, their opening batsman, for their championship match against Surrey starting at the Oval today. Larkins was forced to pull out for at least three weeks after breaking his right thumb against Sussex at Hastings on Tuesday...

Notts unchanged

Nottinghamshire name an unchanged team for their match against Worcestershire at New Road today. This means that Tim Robinson, who injured the little finger of his left hand in a John Player game at Leicester last Sunday, is still unavailable...

Lucky five

Sussex will field five uncapped players in the three day match against the New Zealanders starting today. Chris Mays, aged 20, the off-spin bowler makes his home first class debut...

Schools cricket

Batall College, Oxford 215 for six dec. Colston's 218 for one (Palmer 101 not out). Major Ian Reid's XI 158. Prior 111 not out.

Sussex v Warwick

Match abandoned - rain. Glamorgan 208, Sussex 5. SUSSEX: First Innings 351 for 3 dec (A M Green 178, P W G 175).

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

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Leics v Hampshire

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Gallant ghost of a bygone summer

By Alan Gibson
Frank Woolley played 64 times for England, a high figure for his time. (Hobbs, roughly his contemporary, played 61). Woolley's first Test was in 1905. This is the sad tale of his last, in 1934.

Woolley was less admired than adored. His attributes, especially in Kent, were considered timeless. There is all summer in a stroke by Woolley. His achievements were vast. He scored about 59,000 runs, more than anyone except Hobbs, with 145 centuries and took more than 2,000 wickets. He was left-handed with both bat and ball.

In Tests, it was true, he was not quite so dominant. His jarring grace did not take easily to the time-unlimited game which then ruled in Australia. He scored only two centuries against them over there, and in England none, though he had 95 and 93 in the Lord's Test of 1921, which he considered the best two innings of his life.

He had not played, nor, one imagines, been seriously considered, in the first four Tests of 1934. Before the fifth Headen, who had been doing pretty well, was injured, and Woolley, in his 48th year, was recalled (Headen was in his 46th). He had been making runs for Kent, and it was thought that his left-handedness would be an asset against the leg-spin of O'Reilly and Grimmett. Leyland, another left-hander, had been England's most successful batsman.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns for Athletics, Baseball, Modern Pentathlon, Shooting, Hockey, and International Matches. Lists various sports events and results.

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Advertisement for 'TO PLACE YOUR TRAVEL ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TIMES' with contact information for trade advertisers.

Advertisement for 'GOLF' featuring 'SUGARLAND' and 'WPGA LEADING MONEY WINNERS'.

Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 9.25
6.50 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Cheryl Baker and Mark Curry.

- TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain, introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.55; news at 7.00; regional report at 7.08; and sport at 7.10.



Jimmy Cricket and Clive Dunn in the comedy and music show All Cricket and Wellies, on ITV at 7.00pm

- BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55
1.55 Cricket: Third Test, and Wimbledon 86.

- CHANNEL 4
1.45 Channel Four Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Trafalgar House Sprint (2.00); the Commonweath Stakes (2.30); and the Coral Eclipse Stakes (3.05).

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 9.25
6.55 Play School. (r) 9.15 Knock Knock. Stories and songs for young children.

- TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with 'A Thought for a Sunday'. 7.00 Are You Awake Yet? 7.25 The Little cartoon. 7.50 WAC Extra. 8.10 Lent Barnett's Pick of the Week. 8.27 News headlines.



Members of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, who perform Rite Electric, on BBC 2 at 8.35pm

- BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.30
1.30 Ceefax.
1.45 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam.

- CHANNEL 4
1.05 Irish Angle - Patters. This final programme of the series features the skills of potter, Nicholas Moss.

- Radio 4
On long wave, VHF variations at end.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Prelude Music (s).

- Radio 3
On medium wave, VHF variations between 6.35am and 6.55am (alternative to 6.55am) and from 10.55am to 6.55 (alternative to the Test)
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News 7.05

- Radio 2
On medium wave. See Radio 1 for VHF variations.
News on the hour until 1.00pm. 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and 10.00. Headlines 6.00am, 7.30. Sports Desk 11.02am, 10.00pm. Cricket Scorecard 7.30pm.

- Radio 1
News on the half-hour until 1.00pm, then 2.00, 3.00, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00 midnight.
6.00am Mark 8.00 Peter Powell 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00

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Advertisement for 'John Silver's Return to Treasure Island' featuring Brian Blessed, Christopher Guard, and Kenneth Colley. Includes text: 'That one-legged pirate is back - more deadly and cunning than ever!' and 'JOHN SILVER'S RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND begins ITV transmission TONIGHT at 5.05 P.M.'

SPORT

Gatting done little justice by his bowlers

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON: India, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 208 runs behind England.

It was no longer bright and beautiful at Edgbaston yesterday, but the series with India, sponsored by Cornhill, continued to produce some worthwhile cricket. After two days of the third Test match India are 182 for three in reply to England's 390.

India would have settled for this, I imagine, when they went in. Not since England beat Australia at the Oval last summer had they made as good a total, but the bowling they followed it up with was undistinguished and bordering at times on the ragged. It is curious in an age when containment is so often the order of the day that they are not more accurate. It is far too soon to rule out an English victory, but to achieve one they will need to bowl to a fuller length than they did yesterday. Anything short is meat and drink on this pitch to Indian batsmen of this calibre.

hours before lunch India, with their backs to the wall, bowled only 26 overs, while England scored 74 runs for the loss of Foster, Edmonds and French.

By the time Radford was last out, in the first over of the afternoon, Gatting had been batting for six and a half hours (or 294 balls) and made a fine score. I was much reminded of the Gentlemen and Players

match at Lord's in 1950, when the England captaincy to Australia was also in the offing. "That should settle it" (or words to that effect) said Freddie Brown, as he walked through the Long Room after making a storming hundred. It did. So now, should Gatting's 183 not out. Since coming through an anxious start he

had called the tune and played wonderfully well. India were batting by two o'clock and soon rattling along. You never quite know how Gavaskar is going to bat these days. With Srikanth as his partner he sometimes likes to show that he, too, has all the shots. That is as it was now, so that after 10 overs India were 50 for no wicket. Radford must have wondered what had hit him. His first three overs cost 24 runs his first five 34. Gavaskar taking three successive fours off him and Srikanth flourishing his bat like a penny cane.

There was a difficult diving chance to Athey at cover point off Radford, given by Gavaskar, and it was Radford who got rid of Srikanth, Pringle taking a nice catch at first slip. Three overs later, with only five runs added, Gavaskar entirely misjudged the line of a ball from Pringle. He played no stroke and back went him off stump. Pringle had now had a hand in the fall of seven of India's last eight wickets, here and at Headingley.

Radford may have been trying to bowl too fast. He was not brought in to frighten the batsmen out but to bowl straight and to pitch the ball up. It was some time before he did so. Foster also bowled too short and although the ball would turn, it did so only slowly. And the Indians are used to that. Amarnath and Vengsarkar, playing competently, had added 80, the last few of them in fitful sunshine, when Vengsarkar drove at Radford

ENGLAND: First Innings
G A Gooch c More b Kapil Dev 21
M B Samuels b Wastling 43
C W J Athey c More b Kapil Dev 0
D J Gower lbw b Sharma 103
D W Gooch not out 183
D R Pringle c Amarnath b Shastri 44
D R Pringle c Shastri b Shastri 17
M A Foster b Binny 17
P H Edmonds b Sharma 18
D H French b Sharma 28
N V Radford c Gavaskar b Sharma 0
Extras (lb 7, nb 5) 12
Total 390

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-41, 4-88, 5-184, 6-278, 7-327, 8-387, 9-384, 10-390.
INDIA: First Innings
S M Gavaskar c Pringle b Radford 29
S R Srikanth c Pringle b Radford 23
M Amarnath not out 59
D V Vengsarkar c Gooch b Radford 20
M Azharuddin not out 20
Extras (lb 1, nb 4) 5
Total (3 wickets) 182

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-58, 3-138.
BOWLING: Radford 17-2-53-2; Foster 15-2-41-4; Pringle 7-1-17-1; Edmonds 14-5-29-0; Embrey 6-0-22-0.
Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.



Captain courageous: Gatting struck by a ball from Kapil Dev during his 183 not out (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Becker power is too much for Leconte

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Henri Leconte, on his 23rd birthday, played a game of tennis that he will want to forget but never will. The mighty Boris Becker, Wimbledon champion, was looking weary in body and mind as they swung into the fourth set of their semi-final yesterday. For the first time Leconte seemed the fitter man. But in the fourth game Becker was thrice lucky; and a break to 3-1 gave him what turned out to be a decisive advantage. Becker won 6-2, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 in two hours and 24 minutes.

In that critical game a passing shot by Becker bounced conveniently (for him) off the net cord. Then a blocked service return based on hope rather than confidence drifted lazily through the air like a hesitant butterfly before perching on a distant line. That gave Becker a break point and Leconte, ignoring the birthday conventions, promptly served a double fault that presented the game to Becker.

had two break points in that third set but Leconte responded with a service winner and an ace. At 4-5 down, Becker conceded more than two points on his service for the first time in the match. A double fault even gave Leconte a set point, which Becker saved with a thrilling, acrobatic stop volley.

Then came a tie-break in which Becker looked suddenly drained: much as Pat Cash had done at a similar stage of a match with the resilient Leconte. Maybe it was one of those centre court trances that can afflict even the best of players. Maybe it was just battle fatigue. Whatever the reason, Becker's mind and reactions slowed down, his rhythm and touch deserted him. Two tired back-hand volleys said it all.

So to the fourth set - and that somewhat bizarre fourth game which restored Becker to at least a semblance of his earlier splendour when Leconte was 2-5 down a supporter shouted "Tou n'est jamais perdu". The supporter was wrong. But this was a fine, furious match between two charming sportsmen who walked off court with an arm round each other's shoulders. Up in the Royal Box, the once-great Jean Borotra must have appreciated his compatriot's panache, exciting sword-play, and unflinching resistance. Leconte is already a sporting hero in his own country, largely because he embodies so many national characteristics that he is almost a caricature of a Frenchman. Now he has made his mark in Britain.

and Gooch, diving to his right at second slip, held an excellent catch. Any side would have been pleased to play through the last hour after that with the confidence and panache of Amarnath and Azharuddin.

Four doubtful

Kent have doubts about four players for their county championship match against Derbyshire at Derby today. Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler (tooth abscess), Richard Ellison, the England all-rounder (ankle), Steve Marsh, wicketkeeper (bruised hand) and Kevin Jarvis, fast bowler (neck), have late fitness fears. If Marsh is unfit it will mean a first class debut for Paul Farbrace, aged 18, who substituted for him in Somerset's second innings in the game which finished at Maidstone yesterday.

Mandlikova holds the key

By Rex Bellamy

For the first time since 1977 the Wimbledon women's singles final today will be contested by players who were both born in Europe, in this case Martina Navratilova and Hana Mandlikova. In 1975 Miss Navratilova and Renata Tomanova won the world team championship (Federation Cup) for Czechoslovakia. Since 1981 Miss Navratilova has been a United States citizen but presumably there will be a conflict of loyalties when, later this month, she returns to her native land in an effort to take the Federation Cup away from Czechoslovakia, winners for the past three years. Miss Mandlikova has replaced Miss Navratilova as the star of the Czechoslovak show. Another historic aside is that Betty Stove, who lost to Virginia Wade in the last final between players born in Eu-

rope, has had much to do - as travelling companion, coach and confidante - with Miss Mandlikova's increasing maturity as a player and a person. That player-person relationship is essential. Professional tennis is increasingly a game for the young but it is rare for a major title to go to anyone other than the comprehensively adult. Miss Mandlikova has grown up. She is also more than five years younger than Miss Navratilova, which must be measured against the fact that Miss Navratilova has won 18 of their previous 24 matches. Miss Mandlikova was the last player to beat Miss Navratilova at Wimbledon, in 1981, though Miss Navratilova won their three other matches on grass: one at Eastbourne, the others in Australia. Miss Navratilova holds the

The year peace broke out at Wimbledon

By Richard Evans

It is too simplistic to suggest that the absence of John McEnroe and the first round defeat of Jimmy Connors has been entirely responsible for the aura of peace and tranquillity that has settled over Wimbledon this year. Obviously the headlines would have been shriller had they been around but both are behaviour on the international circuit is concerned. Ken Ferrar, the chief grand prix supervisor, said that there would be no significant drop in the number of fines at Wimbledon this year but, as he pointed out, "crimes" such as yelling at umpires and obscene gestures were virtually non-existent now. "Most of the offences are minor ones," Ferrar agreed. "We have much less trouble with bad behaviour than we used to." Happer is always keeping an eye for new technological aids to assist his officials and is looking at a system based on sonar sounding, as used in submarines, which could cover all lines on a tennis court and offer officials instant replays. "Certainly the days when umpires at tennis and cricket and referees at football will be assisted by another official monitoring precision technology by the side of the playing area cannot be far away. In the meantime, this generation of tennis players seem better suited temperamentally to handle the injustices of human error than their immediate predecessors.

RESULTS

- Men's singles
Holder: B Becker (W)
Saint-Paulis 6-7
B Becker b H Leconte, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (6-7), 6-3
Men's Doubles
Holders: H Günthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hung)
Semi-finals
Holders: Miss K Jordan (US) and Mrs P D Smylie (Aus)
Semi-finals
H Mandlikova and W M Turnbull b P A Fancik and J M Hetherington 6-3, 6-7, 6-3
Miss M Navratilova and Miss P H Shriver (1) b Miss E Burgin and Miss R D Fairbank (8) 6-4, 6-3.
Mixed Doubles
Holders: P McNamee (AUS) and Miss M Navratilova (US)
Quarter-finals
E Sanchez and Miss B Burge (1) b J B Fitzgerald and Mrs P D Smylie (2) 5-7, 7-5, 6-4
Semi-Final
K Flach and Miss K Jordan b N Robertson and Miss E Reinach 7-5, 6-4

Advertisement for James Meade shirts, featuring a diagram of a shirt with labels for various features like collar, cuffs, and buttons. Text includes 'The quiet satisfaction of impeccable taste' and 'Jersey Street quality in a choice of sleeve length'.

RAC keep race open

A statement issued by the RAC motor sports association yesterday has confirmed that next year's British Grand Prix will be at Silverstone but that "race beyond next year will be kept under review". Earlier this year FICA, the constructors association, agreed to run the Grand Prix at Silverstone for the next five years, to the exclusion of Brands Hatch, which previously alternated with the Kent circuit as venue for the race.

Verona move

VERONA, Italy (AP) - Verona, the Italian football league club, have sent a two-man delegation, including their vice-president, to Frankfurt in an attempt to sign Thomas Berthold, the 21-year-old West German defender currently with Eintracht. Italian clubs are expected to be allowed to field newly-hired foreign players in 1987 as an existing ban is likely to be lifted at the end of the year and Verona recently sold Hans-Peter Briegel, another West German, to Sampdoria.

England win

England beat Spain 2-1 in a women's hockey World Cup warm-up match at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Vickie Dixon as the result of a penalty corner, and Katie Parkes scored for England and Angela Canal for Spain. England meet Japan today and again tomorrow at the same venue.

Wood in

Roy Wood has been elected the new chairman of Gillingham following the resignation of Charles Cox. Earl Henry Sondes, FICA's chairman, and Dennis Berry are both re-elected to the club's board, having earlier stepped down.

Ski summer

Over 100 skiers are expected to compete in the second Westgate Insurance grand prix at Rossendale, Lancashire tomorrow. The event is part of a six-race series on artificial slopes in Britain. The remaining four rounds take place at Gloucester, on September 6, at Hemel Hempstead, on September 14, at Silksworth, Tyne and Wear, on October 4 and at Rossendale, on October 18.

Gibb chosen

Alan Gibb, a Scotsman who lives in the north of England, has been appointed the new chairman of the British Amateur Rugby League Association. He has been chairman of the youth committee for three seasons.

Woonsam 'brainstorm' has James laughing

From Mitchell Platts, Versailles

Ian Woonsam took two strokes to get his ball within three feet of the cup at the 172 yards third hole in the Peugeot French Open second round, on the La Boule course here, yesterday. He eventually signed for a 16 at the hole. Woonsam hit the ball eight times and incurred a further eight penalty shots for hitting a moving ball. Frustration is the root of most evils in golf. The slightest suggestion of a kink in the swing can play havoc with the mind. The putter which becomes the traitorous implement will inflict misery on its owner. Woonsam is not the first golfer, neither will he be the last, to allow frustration to rise to the surface of his emotions. He had started at the 10th hole and, with nine holes remaining, calculated that as he was five over par for the championship, he required six birdies to escape the halfway guillotine. So when Woonsam, a member of the European team which won the Ryder Cup last September, missed from three feet at the third - his twelfth - the cut sliced too deep into his morale. "I should not have been playing anyway, I have a bad back," he said. "The frustration of it all became too much for me."

More to the point, Becker was returning service better, too, especially on the backhand. His anticipation and reactions were sharper than Leconte's, his racket handling more assured. He was quick to profit from anything but the best of services and noise. Mentally and technically, this was awesome and almost flawless grass court tennis. Poor Leconte, given an encouraging yell from the crowd, beckoned the spectator down to the court and offered the loan of his racket (which should, by that time, have been in tatters). There were sporadic rallies, the forked lightning of tennis. Leconte occasionally raised a clenched fist when he had come off best or cried "Allez!" when he thought he had hit a winner. At the heart of the third set Becker produced his familiar imitation of a man cycling down a cobbled street without a bicycle. More to the point, Becker

Goodwill Games given an uppercut

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The 17-day Goodwill Games, which are designed to bring the sportsmen and women of the United States and Russia together in harmony, began yesterday but experienced a last-minute hitch over the refusal of the United States Defence Department to permit the American boxers to take part.

The 10 boxers and a coach, all US military personnel, were stranded back home while the American organizers of this joint Soviet-US promotion were trying to get the decision reversed. Under conditions of strict security, the first big Soviet-US sports confrontation since the 1976 Montreal Olympics got under way, hailed by the Soviet organizers as symbolizing the improved relations between the superpowers signalled by last year's Geneva summit. The Americans who have been involved in setting up the Games for a nearly a year praised the close cooperation from the Soviet side.

Teams of around 500 athletes from the two countries are among competitors from nearly 70 nations competing in the Games, which are the idea of Ted Turner, the American broadcasting tycoon, who planned them as a response to the boycotts of the 1980 and 1984 Olympics held respectively in Moscow and Los Angeles. Among the competitors due to take part in the 20 sports are Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses and Willie Banks from the United States; Uwe Harn and Heike Drechsler from East Germany; Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria; and from the Soviet Union, Sergei Bubka, Natalya Lisovskaya and Yuri Sedykh. Marat Gramov, the chairman of the organizing committee, claimed that the Games, which have brought 1,000 American spectators to Moscow, were "a reflection of the Geneva spirit" and a convincing demonstration that the US and the Soviet Union could work together "for the good of mankind" and "the good of peace". The streets of the capital have been spruced up for the event and many of the

In the opening event of the Goodwill Games, Vladimir Salnikov, of the Soviet Union, set a world swimming record in the men's 800 metres freestyle with a time of 7min 50.46sec, bettering his own previous record of 7:52.33 set in July 1983 in Los Angeles.

usual propaganda slogans have been taken down and replaced with giant signs carrying the slogan "Sport: the ambassador of peace". By coincidence, the Games have opened at a time when the recent chill in relations between Moscow and Washington has been slightly thawed by suggestions from the Kremlin this week that the 1986 summit will take place as intended, despite its continuing reluctance to agree a date. Some US sports officials, notably the former national Olympic Committee president, Robert Kane, have accused Turner, the flamboyant head of the pioneering US cable television company, Turner Broadcasting System, of undermining the status of the committee as the coordinator of US athletes' participation in international events. The Soviet organizers have angrily rejected charges of commercialization aimed at the Games, which will be broadcast live in the US for 130 hours and packaged for showing in other western countries. "Some people stubbornly insist on the allegedly commercial character of the games," Mr Gramov said. "There is no truth whatsoever in these claims. We do not pursue any commercial aims, and our expenses are far in excess of any income that might be gained." He also denied that the Games conflicted with the organization of the Olympics despite recent expressions of dissatisfaction by members of the International Olympic Committee meeting in Seoul, the venue for the next Olympics in 1988. "The philosophy of the Goodwill Games, as we understand it, makes them akin to the ideas of the Olympic movement," Mr Gramov stated. Although the Games opened officially yesterday with swimming events, a spectacular opening ceremony involving many thousands of people and special effects will be staged tonight in Moscow's Lenin Stadium. According to Mr Turner, a multi-millionaire who has won praise in the official Soviet media, the next Goodwill Games will be staged in Seattle in 1990.

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